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## Letter from the Head



Dear Parent and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

This week we had a whole school assembly on perseverance. We spoke about what it means to persevere with something, and we had some time to reflect on how we persevere as individuals. I was really impressed with the children's attitude and their intelligent and well thought out responses. They spoke of real-life examples, and clearly displayed a mature and thoughtful approach to learning and life. We spoke of how in life we are faced with choices, with regards to learning - the choices can be 1) give up or 2) persevere. The reason I am sharing this with yourselves, is that it may be nice to discuss this topic with your child. I know I do when I get home with my own children. One thing we often talk about, is not so much persevering with learning aspects, but more about relationships. How children deal with fall outs with their friends... what if someone is unkind to them... or if they do not get on with another child, or an adult. What can they do to persevere and make the relationship work. As we know, relationships can require just as much, if not more, effort and perseverance if they are to succeed, and children must learn and understand this. Yes, you can choose to 1) give up... but how many times can you do that? Or 2) they can choose to persevere and figure it out for themselves. I really do enjoy our whole school assemblies, listening to and discussing real life scenarios and values with the children - it is a genuine honour to be fortunate to do so on a weekly basis.

Other news: On a completely different note, Mrs Merrifield (our DSL), produces monthly Safeguarding newsletters for all the staff here. This month she produced a document with updated information on PREVENT. PREVENT relates to the prevention of people being drawn into extremist views or terrorism. Unfortunately, it would not be appropriate to share the staff's safeguarding documents with you, however we thought you may like to have a read of some information surrounding this, and other areas of safeguarding. As always, if ever you need any assistance or have any concerns regarding safeguarding, please do not hesitate to contact any of us. Please see attached link for parental information: https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/

That is all from me this week. I hope you have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Kind regards Kieran Walsh

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## Lannergrams

Well done to everyone who received a Lannergram this week:

Y1: Scarlett, Ralph, Harry

Y2: Austin, Ina, Kiara

Y3: Miles, Arlo, Kezia

Y4: George, Scarlett, Alexa

Y5: Faye, Amelia, Alfie

Y6: Kaden, Oscar, Amber



## Aftendance Cup

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Group	% Attend
Year 1	95.2
Year 2	93.1
Year 3	97.8
Year 4	94.2
Year 5	96.8
Year 6	95.9
Totals	95.5



### <u>Dates for your diary</u>

Wednesday 25th—Friday 27th January—Y6 London trip

- Monday 13th—Friday 17th February—Half Term
- Monday 20th February—Inset Day
- ♦ Monday 3rd—Friday 14th April— Easter Holidays
- ♦ Monday 1st May –Bank Holiday
- ♦ Friday 26th May—Inset Day
- ♦ Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June— Half Term

# Word of the week

Our word of the week is - Avid

Definition 1 — having or showing great enthusiasm.

Definition 2 — having an eager desire for; greedy.

The children are avid football fans.

Please try and use this word as much as you can with your child.



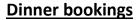
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### French word

the week "means 'day' in French.

Please try and use this French phrase as much as you can with your child.



When booking dinners please make payment at the time of booking, all dinner balances must be cleared to zero at the end of each school week.

Many thanks

### Menu change Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January

All current bookings will be swapped over like for like (e.g. – if you have ordered the main option, you will be swapped to the burger, veggie option – Quorn hot dog.

Pasta, Jacket potatoes and sandwich options are still available on this day.

If you wish to change or cancel your booking, please contact the school office.



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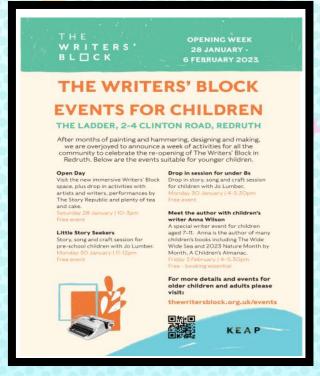
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#### **Choir Corner**

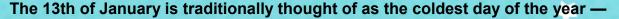
Miss May was positively beaming when she left school on Thursday. She was back with her choir club, with new faces and a new singing programme with lots of new songs. So good to see dedicated children who have been coming since September and lots of new faces who were very welcome. By the look on everyone's faces, it seemed everybody enjoyed themselves and looking forward to next week.











perhaps because in January 1205 a very severe frost hit London, the Thames froze across, and beer and ale was sold by weight instead of volume – because it was frozen solid.



