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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

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A busy start to term has just culminated today with a fantastic procession of children from reception and nursery taking part in their dragon parade to celebrate Chinese New Year. The whole school was filled with a joyous sound of music and shouts of ‘过年好’ or ‘guò nián hǎo’- **Happy New Year**. It is always lovely to see children thoroughly enjoying taking such an active part in their learning with our teachers giving them such wonderful opportunities to have fun in what they do.

I usually manage to visit every classroom at least once each day and have been thoroughly impressed by the children’s positive attitude to their learning. Unfortunately this week, there has been some staff illness and this has meant having to make different arrangements to teach classes with Mrs Evans volunteering to teach the whole of year two in either hall with an extensive range of support staff and trainee teachers working alongside her. We even had some of our eldest children from year 6 going to act as learning buddies – something that I know they greatly enjoyed.

There were concerns earlier this week from some of our parents about information being shared on social media that related to the safety of children on their way to and from school. As a result of your concern, we alerted our oldest children who may walk without an adult, to remember all the things they have been taught about their personal safety. Archbishop Sancroft and ourselves took the same stance in conveying information to pupils – namely that they should take care of their own personal safety, rather than providing them with the details that had been posted on social media about an alleged incident. In situations such as this, we always take our advice directly from the police and on this occasion there was no need to provide any further information to the children. Nevertheless, it gave us another opportunity to remind children about ‘tricky people’ and the things they can do when they do not feel safe e.g. loudly say no, run away, find a trusted adult and tell them. I am sure that you will support us in repeating this message to your children at home so that we work together to ensure their safety at all times.

Next week a letter will be sent to you concerning appointments for parent/ teacher meetings. Please look out for this and make sure you get your appointment booked on-line as quickly as possible. I will look forward to seeing as many of you as possible while you are in school, so please look out for me and say ‘hello’.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M. C. Foreman'.

Mrs M. Foreman
Interim Headteacher