

Dear Parents/ Carers,

12th December 2016

What a first term we have had!

We have done many things already and I felt it was appropriate to reflect on everything we have achieved together and then take a look at what is still to come.

This term we have:

- Introduced a new reward system
- Raised money for Cancer Research and Children in Need
- Year 6 residential
- Year 3/4 become Knottingley football champions
- Held a German Market
- Year 3 visited the DEEP
- Had Harvest Festival at the church
- Enjoyed a dance at the discos
- Witnessed fabulous Musical performances, Christmas Productions and Christingle
- Introduction of Parent and Pupil Voice Group
- More children achieving expected and higher than expected in their work

So what is next and how are we looking to continue to develop and grow?

- Introducing Leading Learners
- Lincoln's garden
- More after school clubs
- A bike Shelter installed
- Play leaders introduced
- Head Boy and Head Girl appointed
- Friends of The Vale group set up
- Visits for every year group
- Ukulele lessons in year 4 and 5
- Introduction of a Topic curriculum
- Parent Workshops
- Open days

If you want to know more then why not come along to the next Friend of The Vale meeting (date to follow)...

Staffing Update

After Christmas Mrs Wrigglesworth and Mrs Milfull will be leaving the academy. We thank both for all their efforts whilst teaching at the academy. We are extremely pleased to announce that Mrs Metcalf will be a full time teacher in Year 2. The Year 2 team will also have Mrs Havercroft, a School Direct Teacher, for the rest of the year as well. Both are fantastic and we are looking forward to the enthusiasm and enjoyment they bring to the children's learning. Should you have any questions or queries, please do come and share your thoughts and feelings. As always I value your input and the open communication we share.

As you can see we are passionate about improving the academy and ensuring the highest quality learning experiences for all our children. As always, thank you for your constant support and feedback. Merry Christmas everyone and here is to an even more successful 2017.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Yeomans