Dear Families,

We have had a super start back to school and the children have settled back in admirably!

In our first collective worship of the term, we reflected upon new years' resolutions and new beginnings with Mrs Smith, linking them to the story of Jonah and the Whale <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Irh375bd_LA</u>

If you would like spend a moment thinking about resolutions at home with your child this cold, frosty weekend, there are some great ideas here: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zhdxcxs</u>

Welcome

A warm welcome to Mrs Knowles, our newest member of the Watermoor team! Mrs Knowles is employed as a midday supervisor, supporting children at lunchtimes both in the hall and on the playground. Mrs Knowles comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience, including supporting complex additional needs. Please join us in giving her the warmest of welcomes to our family.

Key reminders

To ensure the safety of our children and families and the efficient operation of the school, and in line with policies, we politely request the following:

- Children in Y5/Y6 making their way to school should arrive onsite (including the skate park, car park or walkways around the school) from 8:30am at the earliest and are expected to demonstrate our values at all times, in line with our Behaviour Policy. All younger children must be supervised before and after school.
- The main office is open between **8:30am and 3:30pm** and families are very welcome to pop in at any point between these times. After this point, the office and main reception is closed to visitors as staff either finish work or have responsibilities to fulfil (including the care and supervision of children remaining on site)
- Please refrain from letting other visitors into the foyer using the hands-free button and allow Mr Swepson or another member of staff to do so instead. This enables us to monitor arrivals and respond to queries promptly.
- We ask that children **do not** bring in precious, personal items into school, such as toys, jewellery etc. to ensure that the focus remains on learning and nothing is lost or damaged. If your child has a special award or achievement to share, e.g. a sports trophy, please speak to the class teacher first so that they can arrange for it to be stored safely whilst it is on site.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with the above, it is much appreciated.

Clubs

Teacher-led clubs will start the week commencing 20th January, and as before will run for 8 consecutive weeks. Please see the attached clubs list for details. If your child would like to attend a club, please complete the forms which will be sent out by class

teachers next week.

Key events next week:

Mon 13th Jan	
Tues 14th Jan	
Wed 15th Jan	Y5 swimming Young Voices concert
Thurs 16th Jan	
Fri 17th Jan	

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend, Mrs Smith

Our Vision Award winners this week:	
Reception: Jax	
YI: Wilbur	
Y2: Scarlett	
Y3: Mikee	
Y4: Arlo	
Y5: James	
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Our Value Award winners this week:	
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