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Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with our recent school events. It has been wonderful to see so many of you taking part in activities such as the *Stay and Pray* sessions with Years 3 and 4, the Year 6 SATs parent information meeting, the multiplication parents' workshop and today's fantastic Valentine's *Stay and Play* in Early Years. Your involvement makes a real difference to the children and helps to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

### Attendance

Attendance continues to be a key area of improvement for us as a school. We have been set an Attendance Baseline Improvement Expectation (ABIE) target of **95.30%** by the DfE. Our current attendance stands at **94.56%**. While this may seem like a small numerical difference, increasing attendance by even a fraction of a percent is extremely challenging, so every single day counts. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and arrives on time each morning. Good attendance is vital for learning, progress and building positive routines that will support children throughout their education.

### Staffing

We would also like to share some staffing updates. Today, we say a fond farewell to **Miss Whelan**, who has been with us for the past 18 months. During this time, she has covered a maternity leave in our school office and, more recently, has supported attendance and worked with our children and families. We are very grateful for her hard work and dedication, and we wish her every success for the future.

Looking ahead, **Mrs O'Shaughnessy**, our Reception Blue class teacher, will be commencing her maternity leave in April. **Mrs Wilson**, an experienced Reception teacher who currently works across EYFS during PPA time, will be stepping into the role of Reception Blue class teacher when Mrs O'Shaughnessy begins her leave. We know the children will be in excellent hands.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. It is truly appreciated and plays an essential part in the continued success and well-being of our school community.

I hope you have a lovely half term.

Best wishes,

Mrs A.Bell

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