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Thank you to all our families for your continued support and working with us

Welcome back...I hope that you all had a great Christmas and were able to spend time together with family and friends. It seems a long time ago and we are now back into the rhythm of the teaching and learning within the curriculum.

Like many services and organisations we are have been affected by staff sickness absence, something which is very unusual at Kingfisher. These absences are unavoidable, however it does mean that from time to time your children may be taught by a class teacher who is unfamiliar to your child. Whilst we will always do our best to ensure that we do have staff from Kingfisher teaching your children currently that is not always possible. We want to ensure that we can continue to keep classes open and our children in school undertaking their learning.

If your child does experience this situation I want to reassure you that staff from within the year group will be leading on the learning and other familiar adults will be there to support the children on a regular basis.

I want to thank you for your patience and for working with us during these challenging times it is appreciated and means that we can continue to strive for the best for all our children.

Kind regards

Catherine Skinn
Principal




New Messaging App

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the difficulties which occurred as we communicated the new app messaging service which is being used at Kingfisher. As you know before Christmas all families were contacted to make them aware of the changes which would be taking place. These changes are across The Astrea Academy Trust and not just at Kingfisher.

However the implementation did not go as planned and it made it challenging for you all to understand what was happening and even to sign up and login into the system. Unfortunately this was due to actions which were beyond our control and we needed to liaise with BromCom the operating system we use in school for the secure storage of pupil data as this is what My Child at School (MCAS) talks to. I am hopeful that the original issues which arose before Christmas have now been rectified and that you are now able to download the app and access information which relates to your child/ren. If you are still experiencing difficulties please do not hesitate to contact the Admin Team as I know that they will be more than happy to support you in completing this process.

Thank you for sticking with us on this one and hopefully it will speed up our communications with you.

Following Autumn Term teacher assessments, children are set new objectives and focus areas to work on during the Spring Term.

At the end of this half term, we will be sending home your child's focus areas for this term so that you can discuss them together and help your child to think about them at home when they are completing homework tasks. Progress towards these objectives, will be discussed with you at Parents Conversations  next half term. If you have any



next half term. If you have any questions about your children's focus areas or how to help your child before the Parent Discussions, please speak to their class teacher.

Here are our attendance figures for last week. Our whole school attendance target this year is **95%** and our whole school attendance currently stands at **93.5%**. Thank you for helping us to continue to aim to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school everyday.

Year Group	Current Attendance
Reception (FS2)	93.3%
Year 1	93.6%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	93.6%
Year 5	92.8%
Year 6	94.2%

This half term we will be focusing on the next steps for your child's learning so being in school is crucial to ensure they can focus on the key aspects of learning which will support them as they move into the Spring Term.

Being in school is important at any time, but especially this year as we have planned our curriculum approach to support the areas of learning which have been impacted on over the last two years of disruption. The plans will help to address any areas of learning that may not have been covered in previous years as well as the curriculum for the current year.



There has been change of contact details:

If anyone has been lucky enough to have a new phone for Christmas, please make sure that we have changes to your address or email details. Thank you.



Changes in medical needs:

Has your child been recently diagnosed with anything that school should know about? Are they now Asthmatic and require an Asthma Care Plan? All these things school should be aware of. If your child requires medication a form must be completed before school can administer anything.

Changes in circumstances:

If you feel there has been a change within the family which you think could affect your child and we should be aware of. By us knowing this helps us to monitor your child and help if required.