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### Relationships and Health

This term, all of our children have been taking part in relationships and health lessons. These are two new subjects that were introduced to the school curriculum by the Department for Education. Last week, I spoke to the children about these new lessons. The children showed great maturity and sensitivity when they spoke about what they have been learning. They also know that these lessons prepare them for the decisions that they may have to make when they are older. Lucas, in Year 6 said, "Stereotypes are a fixed belief of someone or a group of people. One example would be that people believe that only men should work in engineering. We are learning to challenge stereotypes as people should be able to make their own choices." Teegan in Year 5 said, "We have been thinking about our family. It doesn't matter if we have two mums or two dads or a mum and a dad. What matters is that you are happy at home."

### Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to Year 5 for having an attendance of more than 99%. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
98.36%	95.90%	98.05%	98.36%	98.45%	99.24%	95.56%	97.70%

### Staffing Update

Last week, Mrs Ridley joined the school as a teaching assistant. She will be based in our Upper Foundation Stage working closely with Miss Watson and, when she returns to work, with Miss Lodge. In class, she has already started to support our children with their early reading skills.

### Word of the Month

We must allow our children to learn and use new words. Each month, the children are introduced to a special word that is displayed in the classroom. Below, you will find the word of the month for each class in December:

- Year 1 - review
- Year 2 - reply
- Year 3 - peculiar
- Year 4 - poignant
- Year 5 - elation
- Year 6 - nefarious

We hope that our children can soon tell each other what the word means, use it correctly in their work and spell it correctly in their writing. Please encourage your child to use the word of the month at home.

### Baby News

I am pleased to let you know that Miss Lodge gave birth to a baby girl, Zara, last Wednesday. Both mum and baby are doing great and we hope to see them soon!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher

