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### Spelling

One of the priorities in our school development plan is to improve the ability of our children to spell. This year, for the first time, all our children have taken part in daily spelling lessons. These lessons last for about fifteen minutes. Research shows that asking children to spell words that they have learnt before helps them to remember the patterns of spelling.

Recently, I have been into every class in school during spelling lessons. I was impressed by how well the children have adapted to their new daily routine. The children were thinking hard to remember how to spell words that they had learnt in the autumn or spring term. They were also using new spellings in written sentences. We must allow our children to spell words that they have previously learnt. This helps children to remember the correct spelling of a word. At home, you could ask your child to spell words that they have previously been asked to learn. If you could do this regularly, it will help your child to spell better.

### Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 1 and year 4 for having the highest attendance. 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
86.86%	99.21%	90.74%	94%	99.24%	95.19%	98.52%	94.76%

### Special Visitor

Recently, the children in year 2 had a virtual meeting with a woman who worked in a museum and was pretending to be Florence Nightingale. The children found out more about her amazing life. They learnt why she became a nurse, the challenges she faced when working at Scutari hospital and her achievements when she returned home. After the meeting, Lyla-Mae said, "We learnt that Florence discovered that the hospitals were dirty places, full of germs and she wanted to clean them up to make the soldiers healthy again." All the class agreed that it was a very informative, fun session!

### INSET Day

Please remember that tomorrow is an INSET day. Enjoy the half-term break and stay safe! The school will reopen on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

