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| |  | | --- | | Friday 6th January 2017  The Mill Messenger  *“Happy New year”* | |  | | *“Here’s to a New year and another chance to get it right!”* Oprah Winfrey | |  | |  | | --- | | Stars of the Week: Congratulations to: Jay, Jorgie, Isla, Seamus, Youcef, Charlie, Oliver, Reuben, Isabella, Bartosz, Ruby, Isabell, Ciara, Casey, Jess, Tia and Cory.    **House Cup Winners:**  Congratulation to the Yellow Courage House who have blown the competition away this week with a score of 42. That is 10 points more than their closest rival! Whoop whoop!  **Attendance Cup Winners**  Congratulations to Miro class in Year 4 who are this week’s attendance cup winners with 100%.  C:\Users\scootes\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\ANOFA7MP\IMG_0138.JPG | |  | | **Key Dates:**  **Parent’s Evening** – Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th February  **End of Half Term** – Friday 17th February  **First Day of Term** – Tuesday 28th February  **End of Spring Term** – Friday 7th April  **Inset Days**  Monday 27th February  Monday 5th June | |

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

A **warm welcome** back to all of our families and also hello to our new members of the school community. I trust you all had a fabulous break with your families and friends and managed to find time to relax and enjoy making new memories to cherish. I know that my family helped make my holiday a good one, even between the tears, sulking and tantrums (that was just me!) Welcome also to **Miss Clio Brown**, who is the new class teacher for **Kandinsky class** in Reception and comes with a plethora of experience. We are pleased she chose our school as the next step in her learning journey as a class teacher.

In assembly today, we spoke about **resolutions**. Not ones that mean we have to give something up or struggle to leave behind, but ones that embrace our ethos at school and look to enhance a friend’s **happiness**. “Kid President” spoke to us about making an awesome year and what we could do to brighten another person’s 2017.

**WANTED** - We are looking for a **handy man or woman** who would be interested in doing some jobs and small projects around the **school premises**. This would be a few hours a week or one project at a time. This would be a **paid position** and we ask if you are interested to contact our Business manager:

* Chris Lane. [businessmanager@themill-tkat.org](mailto:businessmanager@themill-tkat.org)

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An update from your Governors

The governing body provides a critical role in managing the school's strategy and holding the senior leadership team's delivery of it to account. Whilst some of you may know us, we have recently been through some personnel changes so wanted to introduce ourselves - more information about the governing body can be found on the school website under the heading "Who are we?"

We were delighted that Ofsted's report in June recognised the significant progress the school has made, however we want to play our part in making the Mill Academy the very best it can be, and so recognise that there is more we, as a governing body, can do as well. First and foremost we want to make ourselves more visible and accessible to parents and pupils. We commit to having at least one of us attend each parents evening, as well as other key events and celebrations across the school (for example the year 6 leavers assembly).

Please do come and say hello and feel free to discuss issues or things that have gone well (we need to know about these too!). Our first area of focus will be a questionnaire we would ask you to complete at the February Parents evenings, so please come armed with your thoughts and suggestions.

We'll be writing something at least once a term in this newsletter as well, and will let you know what we did as a result of the information we gather from you through the survey.

Happy New Year!

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I hope you have a great weekend and start to the New Year.



Mr. Matt Lecuyer, Headteacher