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Headteacher's news:

Happy New Year!

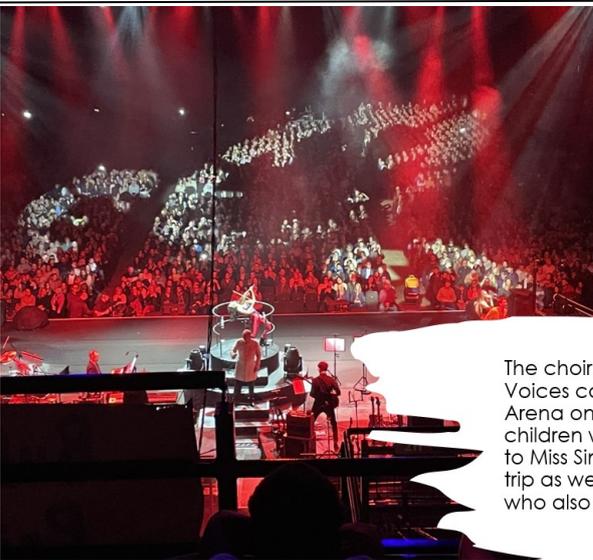
It has been a brilliant start to the new calendar year as the children have settled back into routines quickly, various clubs have started back up again and our choir took part in a wonderful experience at the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena.

I am looking forward to the term ahead as I believe it is one where the children tend to make the most progress. At Rufford Park Primary School, the staff 'have high expectations for pupils' and working alongside our effective governing body, they are '...highly ambitious for all pupils' too (Ofsted July 2022). I am determined to continue building upon the many strengths of the school as we realise our vision for every child in our care to: be **happy**, **safe** and have **fun** growing up; **achieve** at all levels of learning and acquire skills for life; be an active **citizen** who has a 'voice' and can influence; enjoy a **healthy** lifestyle.

Have a great weekend.

In assembly this

week... I talked to the children about the Roman god Janus who had the ability to look forward and back in time. We discussed how we can all reflect on the past but we can't predict or see the future. We talked about how we **can** control our attitude to the days, weeks and months ahead to make the most of every minute of 2023. We also talked about doors (Janus was known as the god of doors or doorways as he could see what was behind them) and how what we can't see in the future is like being behind a closed door. We had fun trying to guess what was behind some very famous doors and below are a few examples for you to test yourselves on.



The choir had a superb time at the Young Voices concert which took place at Sheffield Arena on Wednesday. Well done to the children who took part and a big thank you to Miss Simms for organising and leading this trip as well as Miss Tidey and Miss Sanderson who also attended the event.



Is your child due to start school in Reception in September 2023?

The deadline to apply for your child's school place is 15 January. Please make sure that you have done this online by clicking on [this link](#).



At the beginning of the week, UKHSA provided a press release regarding 'back to school' advice amid high levels of flu, Covid-19 and scarlet fever being experienced across the country. Please [click on this link](#) to read the details of this press release.

Click below to see what has been happening in your child's class this week:

[Nursery](#) [Reception](#) [Y1 Pear](#) [Y1/2 Lime](#) [Y2 Cherry](#)
[Y3 Willow](#) [Y3/4 Cedar](#) [Y4 Beech](#)
[Y5 Oak](#) [Y5/6 Ash](#) [Y6 Maple](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 23 Jan: Teacher Training Day - school will be closed to all children
Tues 7 Feb 3:40-7:00pm: Parents' Evening
Wed 8 Feb 3:40-6:00pm: Parents' Evening - details will be sent out next week
Fri 10 Feb: School closes for half term
Mon 20 Feb: School opens for Spring 2