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RE: Letter from the Principal, Mr Graham

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to wish you and your family a very happy and healthy New Year and welcome you and your child/ren back to school for the start of Term 3. It was lovely to see the children excited to return to school today as we start a new term of new learning which will provide them with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful this year.

Attendance and Punctuality:

High levels of attendance and good punctuality is exceptionally important. School begins at **8:30am** each day. The children's learning is sequenced into small steps which build upon one another each day, so if a child misses a day/period of days, they will miss these important steps. Similarly, reading and phonics are taught at the start of each day with lessons beginning promptly at 8:40am. If a child is regularly late, they miss this important lesson which helps them to develop the skill of reading which is used to access the whole curriculum.

We do, however, recognise that England is currently seeing a rise in the number of cases of flu, scarlet fever (linked to Strep A) and COVID-19. It is important that we all try and minimise the spread of infections in schools so if your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay at home until they feel better or the fever has resolved. In school, we will continue to encourage regular handwashing and use of hand sanitiser to promote hygiene. If your child is absent from school, you should contact the school office on each day of their absence: 01793 523800.

A polite reminder that the school will not authorise any term time holidays or leave requests and parents/carers may be fined by the Local Authority for taking their child/ren out of school.

Parent Consultation Evenings:

In February, we will be holding our second Parent Consultation Evening. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and attainment with their class teacher and review their learning, so we strongly encourage all parents and carers to make an appointment.

Our Parent Consultation Evenings are scheduled for Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February. We will write to you again in the next couple of weeks with timings and how you can book a slot.

Thank you for your continued support and, as ever, sending my best wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Graham
Principal