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Message from Mrs Peart

As our first term draws to a close I would like to pass on my heartfelt thanks to all of our amazing children, wonderful staff and fabulous parents and carers for their hard work, positive attitude and support over the past fifteen weeks. What a term it has been! There has been lots of new learning happening throughout school and it is amazing to see how much progress the children have made so far already this year. In assembly this morning, we talked about feeling proud about the things we have learned and our kind and caring actions this term. We hope you are as proud of the children as we are.

We were especially pleased this year to be able to invite parents into school again for our Christmas performances. If you were able to make it, I am sure you will be just as proud as we were of their wonderful shows. They were amazing!

We have lots of lovely learning activities planned in our new term for each Key Stage, and we are planning for our next educational visits to enhance the children's learning (please find more information below). Thank you to those who have already made their payments online for this; your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for all of your kind and generous gifts over the last couple of weeks. We are very grateful! We hope you all have a lovely Christmas holiday with your family and we look forward to welcoming all the children back into school on 6th January.

Diary Dates

20th December – School closes for Christmas holidays

6th January – School reopens

8th January – RWI meeting for new parents @ 2.15pm

22nd January – PTA Teddy Bears Picnic

27th January – Year 2 Family Learning (info shared soon)

13th February – School closes for half term

14th February – School closed for INSET day

Google Classroom

Thank you to those of you who have already logged into Google Classroom and are accessing our Home Learning activities each week. It is lovely to see some of the things you are getting up to at home as well! We still have a small amount of families who have not yet logged on. **If you need support with this, please come and speak to us. We don't want your child to be missing out on important learning and information from their class!**

The School App

We are aware that there are some families who are not yet accessing The School App. This is the main way that we communicate with our families and how we send quick push messages to keep you in the loop about the main things happening in school. If you do not yet have the app, please download this as soon as possible and make sure to read the messages and news sections so you are aware of what is happening each week.

We expect parents to check the app regularly so they are aware of what is happening in school. All events are added in advance to the calendar on the app so you can be aware of what is happening.

After School Provision

We have now allocated all requested places for after school clubs in January and payment needs to be made immediately if it has not been paid already. If payment isn't made, we will allocate places to other children on the waiting lists. We do have some places available in Matball on Tuesday and Hockey on Thursday with Live & Learn. If you require a place for your child, please just get in touch and we can book them on.

Names in clothes/Lost Property

We have had many of the children's belongings in the Lost Property box this term, and some do not have children's names on so we cannot return them to their rightful owner. **Please ensure your child's name is written in the labels of all their clothing.**

Staffing update

We were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Richmond and Mrs Sawyer on the final day of term. They have both made such a positive contribution to our school and we wish them both well in their future adventures!

We are looking forward to welcoming two new members of staff to replace them over the next couple of weeks. Mrs Peters-Harrand will be our new Receptionist & Admin Assistant and she will start with us on Monday 6th January. Mrs Frost will be our new Pastoral Lead and she will begin working in school on Monday 13th January.

Sadly, our wonderful Caretaker, Mr Coley, has announced his retirement at the end of March so we are currently advertising for this role. You can find further information on our website [here](#) or on the Council website [here](#). All applications for this role must be done online.

Attendance

As part of our continued work to support families with attendance at school, we are looking closely at absences, especially for those families where attendance is a concern.

We have had several children absent during this final week of term, and we have had to complete safe and well checks to family homes to ensure they are okay.

This is part of our safeguarding duty and these will be carried out where we are concerned that children are not in school due to other reasons, such as going on holiday or going out of the area.

Please ensure you are honest with us about any absences so that we can code your child's absence correctly on the school register and we can ensure we know where children are when they are not in school.