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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope the coming year brings you and your family the blessings you hope for. Thank you for ensuring that the new term has begun well. The children have returned to school happily, looking very smart in their winter uniform and ready for the adventures the new term holds.

I will be sending out a newsletter next week with dates and events for the coming term, but in the meantime, I wanted to send a couple of updates:

### **Water bottles**

I am delighted to let you know that our much-awaited school water bottles have now arrived and will be distributed to children over the coming days. There has been a significant delay in sourcing them so I can only apologise for this, but I hope you agree they are worth waiting for. Over recent years, water bottle designs have developed so much: some being very big, some very heavy and some incredibly expensive. As part of our 'living simply' pledge, we decided to buy school water bottles which have a non-spill lid and are made from recycled materials. We advise that they are hand washed to prolong the design and ask that these are now the only water bottles brought into school.

### **Pre-loved Uniform Shop**

Our pre-loved uniform shop is open on Wednesday at home time. We encourage you to shop here first before purchasing new items of school uniform. We have a range of excellent items, including PE uniform. Again, as part of our pledge to 'live simply' we can all do our bit by reducing, re-using and recycling. The uniform shop will usually be open on the final Wednesday of each month, unless we are not at school in which case it transfers to the first Wednesday we are back in school.

### **Attendance**

You may have seen recently on the news, and will know from my previous letters, that attendance at school is a high priority. Thank you for ensuring that your child is at school everyday possible. Please avoid taking holidays and making routine dental and medical appointments during term time. The UKHSA has updated their guidance to parents reminding you that if your child has a temperature they should not attend school, but generally, if they are well in themselves they should be at school. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they should stay away from school for 48 hours after the last bout, even if they appear well. I will continue to review attendance regularly. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss anything further.

Yours sincerely

Sheena Sinclair

Head Teacher

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