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## Everyone learning, everyone caring!

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

Dear Parents,

Well I don't know where the Christmas holiday went (although my waistline might give you a clue)! Here we are back at school and working hard at the start of a new term. It was lovely to see the children all back in school and looking smart and bright!

### Staff changes

I am sorry to say that Mrs Tierney is leaving us for pastures new at the end of January. We wish her well. We are also sadly losing Mrs Barnes who is one of our midday assistants.

Finally, I have to inform parents that I shall be retiring with effect from the end the summer term 2018. This was a hard decision, but I feel that as I have got older I no longer have the sharpness and energy I once had. After 26 years as a headteacher, I guess I have done my bit and it is time for the school to look for someone a bit younger! The school has certainly moved on in the last couple of years and I shall be sorry to say goodbye to the staff, parents, and particularly the children. The governing body will be liaising with DEMAT to recruit a new headteacher in due course.

### Clubs

You will have received a booklet about clubs for the term. Please read this carefully as different clubs are starting on different dates this term. Some are running from 8<sup>th</sup> January but others don't start until the following week. I hope that is all clear in the booklet.

### Please note the following important dates

- **Meeting for parents of children in Year 6** (Eagles) regarding SATs: 3.30 p.m. Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January in Y6. Creche provided in Year 1 classroom. This is an important meeting to talk about the SATs process and how you can help your child do his/her best.
- **Meeting for parents of children in Year 2** (Swans) regarding SATs: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30 p.m. in Year 2 classroom. Creche provided in Reception class (Robins). As above, this is an important meeting to talk about the assessment process this year and how to support your child to do his/her best.
- **Parent Forum meeting** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30 p.m. This is an opportunity for all interested parents to discuss matters of interest about the school. We look forward to seeing you there. A crèche will be offered.

### Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 1 (Owls) with 98.89%. Well done!! Overall attendance last week was 93.8%, which is very disappointing for the first few days back. I hope we can get back on track next week.

Class		Attendance
Robins	Reception	91.67%
Owls	Year 1	98.89%
Swans	Year 2	96.55%
Magpies	Year 3	86.9%
Kestrels	Year 4	96.88%
Kingfishers	Year 5	97.92%
Eagles	Year 6	87.78%

## **Achievement awards**

**Lexia awards:** Roman Lovell. Well done!

## **Parent questionnaire**

Many thanks to those who responded to our parent questionnaire on consultation evenings. I attach the results. The issues raised will be address as I revise the School Improvement Plan this term.

## **Swimming**

Year 3 and 4 will be swimming this term commencing on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**. Please ensure children have their swimming kit in school on Thursdays. Thank you.

## **Christian Values**

This week we have been thinking about Epiphany and the story of the wise men in our worship. We have introduced three new Christian values this term which will run through our worship and many other aspects of school life:

- Compassion
- Hope
- Friendship

## **Dates for the diary**

- We break up for half term on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February and return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. The spring term ends on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March and the summer term begins on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.
- The Spring Term consultation evenings will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher