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Headteacher's Newsletter

Happy New Year! The staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts sent in.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome our new Year 1 teachers, Mrs Tanvir and Mrs Patel. Mrs Tanvir will be working in Rabbit class on Monday through to Wednesday and Mrs Patel will be teaching on Thursday and Friday.

Little Rascals After School Club

A reminder that Little Rascals run a breakfast and after school club which is based in school. They are very flexible and their mantra is that they are there 'to help the parents'. If you are interested in your children attending the club then please contact Moira Hines on 07763 214360.

Nursery Admissions 2019-20

Just a reminder to parents who may be looking for a Nursery place that this year you will need to apply directly to the school. On our website there is a copy of our nursery admissions policy which includes our over subscription criteria alongside the application form. The deadline for applications is Friday 1st March.

Severe Weather Guidance

Hertfordshire County Council notifies parents if a school is closed due to bad weather using the Everbridge system. Please sign up via the following link <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489>. The link will take you to a sign up page where you should click on the 'sign up' button at the top right hand side of the page.

Should we need to close we also place a notice on our school website and e-mail via parent mail.

Uniform

Please could I remind parents that for safety reasons **NO jewellery should be worn in school**, except for one pair of **small, plain stud earrings**; no coloured stones please. If your child needs to wear jewellery for religious reasons that, I would ask if you could speak to the school office.

Nail polish should **not** be worn and hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back for boys and girls. **Hair accessories should be small and plain**. Hard headbands should not be worn for safety reasons.

Children are not allowed to wear boots to school. If children wear wellies to school than they will be asked to change into plimsoles.

If girls wear tights they should be in school colours. Leggings are not permitted. Thank you for your co-operation.

Barnaby Bears Birthday

A reminder that Friday 25th January is Barnaby Bears birthday. Barnaby is our school teddy who is available to go in holiday with children. If you would like to take Barnaby on

holiday, then please write to Barnaby via the school office. On Barnaby's birthday children are invited to bring a teddy to school.

Future Dates for the Diary

Mon 7th January	Inset Day
Tue 8th January	No school for children
Fri 25th January	Term Starts
Fri 1st February, 9:00am - 9:30am	Barnaby Bear's Birthday
Fri 8th February	Fox Class Assembly
Fri 15th February, 9:00am - 9:30am	Staying Safe Day
Mon 18th February - Fri 22nd February	Squirrel Class Assembly
Mon 25th February, 9:00am - 9:30am	Half Term
Fri 8th March, 9:00am - 9:30am	Spring Fair Helpers Meeting
Wed 13th March, 3:30pm - 6:00pm	Hedgehog Class Assembly
Thu 14th March, 5:00pm - 8:00pm	Parent Consultations
Fri 15th March, 9:00am - 9:30am	Parent Consultations
Fri 22nd March, 9:00am - 9:30am	Badger Class Assembly
Fri 29th March	Rabbit Class Assembly
Fri 5th April	Spring Fair
Fri 5th April	Easter Bonnet Parade
	Term Ends
	School finishes at 1pm

Thank you for your continued support. As always, please contact me if you have any queries or concerns. If you wish to make an appointment, please speak to Mrs. Ryan in the school office who will be able to book a mutually convenient time.

Mr Gwyn Pritchard
Headteacher