

Welcome back

Happy New Year to you all and a warm welcome to our new families and new Nursery pupils. I do hope you all had a restful and healthy Christmas break. The children have had a really positive start to the term and are demonstrating that they are ready to learn!

Sports Leaders

At the end of last term, the Year 4 children were informed about the Sports Leader role in school and how they could apply to become one. A Sports Leader organises the equipment for play and lunchtimes. They also model and support quality play with the equipment. I worked with the School Council last term to identify the issues at break times and we consulted with all the children as to what games and equipment they would like to have. An audit for current resources was taken and the new equipment has been ordered using the cake sale money.

In assembly yesterday Mr Loczy shared with the school who the new Sports Leaders are and that they will be receiving sports leader training from Ashlyn's Year 11 in the next couple of weeks. Please can we congratulate our new sports leaders:

Jacob D'Cunha, Fergus Regan-Quail, Jamie Sutcliffe, Charlie Waugh, Sam Castel-Branco, Erin Shacklock, Isabella MacDonald, Lily Pattinson, Francesca Demosthenous, Bonnie Brooks.

Illness

Due to the high numbers of staff and pupils sickness at the end of last term, can I remind you to ensure that your child is fit and well when coming to school. We would all like a healthy term please!

If your child is going to be absent from school please notify the school office by 9.30am. A Request for Leave of Absence Form needs to be completed if you intend taking your child out of school for any reason other than sickness. These are available from the school office Please also let your child's teacher **and** the office know if your child has an appointment to attend.

Lateness

An increasing number of children are arriving late, this is disruptive for the children themselves, the class teachers and office staff. It is important to get into good habits for Secondary School and the work environment even at this young age! Please could I ask that you endeavour to arrive in time for school which may involve leaving a bit earlier, especially in the winter months. If you do arrive late children MUST come in via the school office and be signed in by a parent/carer, they should NOT go in through the classroom door. Start times are as follows: 8.50am-Key Stage 2; 8.55am – Reception and Key Stage 1 and 9.00am for Nursery.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Library

Are you free to help? We really would like parents to help us with our library each day from 2.45-3.15pm. Please let the office know if you could spare some time to help us – many thanks.

Sports Survey.

Thank you for completing these and returning them so promptly. We will be analysing these and I look forward to reporting the outcomes to you in due course.

Child shows Parents

This gives the children an opportunity to show their work to their parents. For those of you who work full-time we do have parents evening just after half term – Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th February. A letter will be sent out shortly asking you for your preferences with regards to time slots.

Dates: Spring Term

Tues 14 JanMaple Class assembly at 9	
Tues 14 JanChild show Parents 3.15-3.45	5pm
Fri 17 JanYrs 1-4 Film Night 3.15-5.10	Opm
Fri 24 JanSilver Birch Cake Sale after scl	hool
Mon 27- Fri 31 JanAuthor in reside	nce
Thurs 13 FebSilver Birch Class assembly at 9	9am
Fri 14 FebCedar cake sale after sc	hool
Mon 17-Fri 21 FebHalf-	
Mon 24 FebINSET school clo	sed
Wed 26 FebParents Even	
Thurs 27 FebParents Even	iing
Mon 3 – Fri 7 MarchScholastic Book	Fair
Thurs 6 MarchWorld Book I	Day
Wed 12 MarchWillow Class assembly at	
Wed 12 MarchChild shows Pare	ents