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Dear Parents/Carers

We wish you all a very Happy New Year. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the families whose children have just started in Foundation 1 (Nursery). If you have any questions please ask myself or a member of staff.

READING



My New Year's resolution is to do everything we possibly can to support our children to become fluent and confident readers. If you have any suggestions as to how we could help you to support your child more effectively with reading please catch me on the playground.

As you know we are having Reading training in school today and you have already been invited to watch your child's Phonics (sounds) lesson on Thursday 9th January at 9:00 am (full time children only).

As part of this Reading drive I am setting the children a challenge to "get caught reading" in a funny place. Please take a photograph of your child reading their favourite book in an unusual place, eg, on the toilet, up a tree etc etc then send it to office@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk or print it on to A5 paper. There will be prizes in each class for the most imaginative photographs. All entries into school by Friday 17th January.

NEW STAFFING

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Marshall who will be working in Nursery.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS, FREE MILK, FREE TRIPS

If your circumstances have changed recently and you think you may be entitled to these extra benefits please call 0300 500 8080. I know all children get free meals but if you are entitled and do register then school gets an extra £1,300 to support your child and we can then use this money to pay for your child to have free milk, a set of uniform and free trips. The deadline for registering is Monday 13th January. If you would like any support with this pop in and see Mrs Cook.

UNIFORM

Please remember, wherever possible, to send your child to school in the correct uniform - black shoes, grey trousers, skirts or pinafores, and red jumpers or cardigans. No jewellery should be worn except a sensible watch or small stud earrings. The children look so smart when they are all in uniform and I appreciate your help with this. Could you also please ensure your child's uniform is clearly named.



Black school shoes are part of our school uniform for smartness and safety reasons.

I realise money is tight in this 'post-Christmas' period but I would be very grateful if you could ensure your child is wearing black school shoes (fitted smart black boots are acceptable when weather is bad).

TIME-KEEPING

Learning starts at 8:50 in all class rooms. Please could you aim to have your child on the playground by 8:45 so that we can make a prompt start to lessons. I would really appreciate your support with this and will talk to the children about how important it is.

GYMNASTICS OPPORTUNITIES

This half-term Rowan and Chestnut classes will have a series of six lessons and a visit to Retford Gymnastics Club (Torworth) on Friday 14th February. Oak and Willow classes will have the same opportunity after half-term.

MRS COOK'S DINNER CHALLENGE

School receives additional funding according to the uptake of school meals on specific days of the year therefore all children will be offered a school dinner on Thursday 16th January. They will receive a gold box treat and you can send in a packed lunch if you feel that your child won't eat the dinner. The menu will be:

Nottinghamshire Sausage, Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potatoes, Veg and Gravy or Quorn Roast followed by Pancake with Frozen Yogurt and Hot Cherries, Fruit or Yogurt

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 8 th January	1 st Sports Club
Thursday 9 th January	1 st Doncaster Rovers Ball Games Club (still spaces available for Year 2's)
Monday 13 th January	Year 1 & 2 Dance Festival - Elizabethan
Monday 27 th January	Road Safety Day
Wednesday 12 th February	NSPCC Assembly for children
Wednesday 12 th February	NSPCC Parents online safety workshop - 2:15 pm
Thursday 13 th February	Valentines Disco - letter to follow
Friday 14 th February	'I Love You Day' - parents invited - more details to follow
Friday 14 th February	Rowan and Chestnut Visit to Torworth Gym - PM
Break up for half term	Friday 14 th February
Monday 24 th February	First day back at school
Tuesday 25 th February	Ducklings arrive in school
Monday 2 nd March	First swimming session for Year 2s
Monday 30 th March	All pupils to visit Art Museums - letters to follow
Thursday 2 nd April	Art Fair 2:00 - 4:00 pm - parents to collect at 2:00 pm
Friday 3 rd April	9.00 am Celebration Assembly - parents by invitation
Friday 3 rd April	Break-up for Easter Holidays
Monday 20 th April	First day back at school after holidays

As you are already aware I am keen for school and families to work closely together. The teachers and myself are always available, please feel free to come and see us.

Mrs Cook
Head Teacher