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January 2018 Newsletter

Happy New Year

We wish you all a Happy New Year. We hope you all had a lovely break with your families and friends, and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Thank you from all the staff for your kind cards and gifts at the end of last term.

Upcoming Events

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 7th February 2018 [3.30-5.00pm]

Thursday 8th February 2018 [3.30-7.30pm]

Further details will follow.

We have attached a full set of dates for the upcoming Spring and Summer Terms. All dates are on the school website. Please also note there have been a couple of date changes e.g. summer term open afternoon.

Parent Information Events

Assessment arrangements for Ks1 and Ks2 – Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 parents welcome

Tuesday 16th January 2018 – 9.00am
[Years 1 and 2 parents only]

Tuesday 23rd January 2018 – 9.00am
[Years 5 and 6 parents only]

Further details will follow.

On Line Safety

We are aware a number of our children received devices which allow on-line access. Please ensure you monitor your child's on-line activities. This is particularly important for gaming and social media sites. For example, as part of its Terms of Service, WhatsApp's **minimum age of use is 16 years old**. We have a number of useful links on our school website, if you need further advice and information.

On this note of safe technology use, please can I remind parents that any child needing a mobile phone for before and after school must hand it in at the school office at the start of the day. We must work together to ensure your children are safe on-line. On-line safety day this year is Tuesday 6th February.

Attendance – Autumn 2017

Our overall attendance last term was 96.2% which is below our 97% target. We were able to give 120 100% attendance certificates for this term and many of those were to children in the same family groups. We still have a number of children with particularly poor attendance and this does bring down the whole school average. As stated in many previous newsletters, good attendance [above 95%] is essential in creating positive outcomes for your children. Please continue to support us in this vital area of school life. Thank you

Staffing

I am delighted to inform you all that Miss Rose has returned to work. It is wonderful to have her back. Many of you have asked after her over these months and we are so pleased she is back with us in school. Miss Rose will be working across a number of classes, releasing teachers for planning and preparation time. Mrs Rowe continues with her treatment – she is making good progress in her recovery and I know you would want to join us in wishing her well.

Last day of this half term is Friday 9th February 2018 and we return on Monday 19th February 2018.