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Dear Parents and Friends

Happy New Year to everyone, I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and a good start to 2018.

As I'm sure you are aware my Christmas and New Year didn't go quite as smoothly as I hoped and I'm currently off school with some as yet unidentified internal bleeding – thanks to my over enthusiastic dog! Hopefully the issue will resolve itself sooner rather than later as "just doing nothing" is not one of my strong points. I have to say though despite the current publicity surrounding the NHS I have been brilliantly looked after and the doctors are certainly doing all they can to find out where my injury is, believe they have been very thorough in their searches!

Mrs Chamberlain and the rest of the team have done a fantastic job in keeping everything running smoothly so a big thank you to them. I am able to take the opportunity of light duties to get on with some office work and I am making sure that the teaching I'm unable to do is still following my planning so nothing will be missed out.

The Secret Garden

Everyone I've talked to thoroughly enjoyed the Theatre by the Lakes production the school went to last week, a great way to start the New Year off (I was having a slightly less enjoyable experience in hospital at the time!). This treat was paid for by FOEKS without whom we would be unable to take advantage of these kind of activities, once again thank you to everyone involved with our Friends group.

Bright Sparks enterprise After School Club

This is a new initiative for us that Mrs Chamberlain has organised. The idea is that the children, in partnership with a local business – in our case AECOM, start with £50

and through business enterprise ideas try and convert this into more, over an 8 week period. We had our first meeting after school on Monday and David from AECOM was very impressed with the children's ideas and enthusiasm. The club is open to all KS2 children including Year 5 and 6 as Lego League has now finished. We'll keep updating you as the project moves on but already the life skills which the children will continue to use through the rest of their lives are becoming evident.



Playground use

One of the wonderful features about Ennerdale School is the way that children after school love to stay in the playground. This is something we have no wish to stop as we are well aware it is great opportunity for children to socialise outside school hours. However we are concerned that there has been an increasing amount of damage to school property, especially in the garden area. Please can we ask that if your children are staying in the playground after school they treat it, and each other, with the same respect as we expect them to during school hours. It would be a tragedy if we had to close the playground to users at the end of school hours but that will be our only option if the damage continues.

Hopefully by the next newsletter I will be fully recovered or at least will know what is wrong with me! Have a great weekend and enjoy the snow.

Best wishes

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