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## NEWSLETTER 6 - 09.01.2019

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. If you are taking holidays whilst your children are at school please let us know so that we are aware your child's routine may be a little different. As you are aware the Government do not allow me to authorise term time holidays for full time school pupils.

### New Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Miss Wagstaff who will be working in Nursery. Gemma Fitzgerald continues to support children with speech and language needs and will be with us until at least the end of March.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> January.

### BOTTLE TOPS

Students at the Elizabethan Academy are collecting plastic bottle tops as these are not recyclable. Please bring contributions of washed bottle tops to reception.

### Milk for 5 Year Olds



Once a child reaches the age of 5, they are no longer entitled to free school milk unless they are registered for free school meals. Cool Milk has informed us that they no longer send out reminders once a child reaches the age of 5. Could you please ensure that you register your child with Cool Milk at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or collect a form from Reception.

### 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).

### **GYMNASTICS OPPORTUNITIES**

This half-term Willow and Oak classes will have a series of six lessons and a visit to Retford Gymnastics Club (Torworth) on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Rowan and Chestnut classes will have the same opportunity after half-term with their visit to the Gym on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

### **SAFETY**

Please help me to keep your children safe by doing the following:-

- Please keep dogs off the school premises.
- Do not use the staff car park or allow your children to walk through it.
- Please park carefully outside school - if you put your car on the pavement then children in prams or on bikes can't get past safely.
- Ensure the school gate is closed after you.
- Please do not sit on or climb over the nursery wall.
- Please remember that children are not allowed to come back to school for 48 hours after a bout of sickness or diarrhoea

### **DIARY DATES**

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	1 <sup>st</sup> Sports Club
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	1 <sup>st</sup> Doncaster Rovers Football Club
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 & 2 - Dance Festival at Elizabethan Academy
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	All full time classes - Partake Theatre-Knights and Castles day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentines Disco (no Sports Club)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	'I Love You Day' - parents invited - more details to follow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Break-up for Half Term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	First day back at school
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	First swimming session for Year 2s
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter chicks arrive in school
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Music Week
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Music Fayre 2:00 - 4:00 pm - parents to collect at 2:00 pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Coffee Morning
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00 am Celebration Assembly - parents by invitation
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Break-up for Easter Holidays
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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