We have been busy this half term, and I cannot believe school breaks up on Friday 15th February.

A number of things to draw to your attention this week.

Staff Changes - The school has gone through some significant changes over the last year and a half, this has resulted in a number of teachers leaving us and new ones joining. I can now inform you that Mr Beier will be leaving us on Wednesday to start a whole new career. I personally want to thank him for everything he has done since I have known him, I am sure you will join me in wishing him well. Don’t worry 4BM, I am on the hunt for someone equally as good. In another change, I have invited Miss Greaves to be the permanent teacher of Class 4M which she has agreed to.

Parking - Sorry, but it is pretty horrendous out there. Please consider our residents as well as others trying to drive through a narrow road. We do not want to involve the Police and fines but I will do if necessary. The safety of our children is more important than how close you can park to the school.

Tokens - You may have noticed that staff are wearing green and gold tokens. These are being given to children/classes for exemplary behaviour, kindness, manners and the list goes on. The children are really responding to them and we have a great buzz around the school. Gold =20 points, Green =1 point. The class with the most tokens each half term will be rewarded. One week to go…

Website - We have a brand new website, it has all the information that you require in one place. Please have a look at www.princethorpe-jun.bham.sch.uk

Answer to last brain teaser — Envelope

Maths problem: Jack receives some birthday money. He spends a quarter of it repairing his bike. He has £24 left. How much money did he receive for his birthday?

Punctuality & Attendance

A BIG THANK YOU to most of you for bringing your children to school on time between 8.45am — 9.00am. Unfortunately, we are still having a few late comers. Please ensure your children arrive before the registers close at 9:00am.

We are aiming for 96%+ for our school attendance. Good attendance is directly related to a child’s enjoyment and achievement at school and is vital to promote successful learning.

Persistent or long-term absence has a negative impact in all areas of school life, not just on academic achievement but also on the development of key skills and friendships. If you have concerns or need some help, please don’t hesitate to contact us. Attendance and punctuality is also a SAFEGUARDING ISSUE and we are required to report low absence levels.

Absence below 90% can result in fines and as a school we have processed 2 fines recently totalling nearly £800. At the last count we had over 30 children below 90%. School does not receive the fines, they go to the Local Authority. The message is simple, attend school.

Black Shoes/Trainers

Thank you to all the children who are wearing black shoes or black trainers. However, some children are still not wearing the correct colour. Please ensure your child has black footwear.