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Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful and busy term we have enjoyed.

Good Luck

Firstly, we wish Mrs Kerrison a happy maternity leave, which starts in January. We welcome Mrs Head, who will teach Class 2 until the end of the summer term.

Also, to Mrs Mitchell who is training to become a teacher and will work at another school until February half term. We welcome Ms Harding to EYFS, who will join us for the term.

Children in Need

Thank you to Mr McArthur and our Community Rangers for helping the school to raise money to support Children in Need. We raised £294.21. Thank you for your cake donations and support.

Festive Songs from Around the World and Christmas Fair

We were treated to a wonderful performance of 'Festive Songs from Around the World'. Our pupils sang traditional Christmas, religious songs and songs from other cultures. Their joyful singing and delightful voices filled our school with happiness and made us all incredibly proud. Our Christmas Fair was a huge success. Thank you for supporting the event – you helped to raise £1000 for our school funds.

PE Lunch and Afterschool Club

Children in Year 2 have enjoyed developing their gymnastic skills and Year 5 learning a new sport called 'Tri-Golf'. They showed great coordination and ball control as they mastered various skills. Our Year 5 and 6 Mini Progressive Sports Leaders have continued to lead lunchtime sports club, supported by our Sports Coach Mr Doyle. They continue to develop their leadership skills and help to promote pupil wellbeing and fitness.

Absence/Holidays

If your child is absent from school, please telephone the school office. May I remind you that holidays should not be taken during term time, will not be authorised and be referred to the Local Authority.

Homework

Thank you for continuing to support your child with their home learning. Please complete weekly activities: maths madness, times tables, spelling and grammar. Read daily with your child: school reading books, library books and any others they enjoy. Please sign reading journals whenever your child reads to help them complete their reading bookmarks. Pupils who are supported at home, make greater progress in school and achieve greater outcomes.

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PE Uniform – Awesome Appearance

We are continuing to monitor PE uniform next term. Unfortunately, too many pupils continue to wear inappropriate clothing and footwear. If your child continues to wear incorrect clothing, they may not be permitted to take part in the lesson. All jewellery must be removed, and hair tied back for health and safety. Children must wear plain black trainers and not their school shoes; plain black jogging bottoms/shorts, plain white/blue t-shirt – to enable them to perform movements etc. comfortably and safely. Striped/patterned items, flared leggings, football kits, logo items for example are not permitted.

Lost Property

Our school lost property bin is already full to the brim. Please claim any lost items by Friday 20th December. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of. Please ensure your child's name is written on labels so items can be returned if lost.

Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

Be Ready: Please ensure that your child arrives on time. School gates open at 8:40am, classrooms at 8:45am. School gates close at 8:55am. Any arrivals after 9am are registered as late and this will affect your child's attendance percentage and rewards.

Core Values

Next term we will focus on Exploration. Pupils will be recognised and rewarded with Dojo points for displaying our Core Values

Diary Dates:

06.01.25	School re-opens
17.01.25	World Religion/Belief Day
03.02.25	Children's Mental Health Week
07.02.25	NSPCC Numbers Day
10.02.25	Book Bus Arrives in School
11.02.25	E-Safety Day
12.02.25	EYFS Teddy Bear Hospital
13.02.25	Year 5 and 6 Galleries of Justice visit
14.02.25	Last day of half term
24.02.25	School re-opens
10.03.25	Parents' Meetings
13.03.25	Parents' Meetings

Please note the remaining INSET days for the academic year 2024-25:

Friday 27th June 2025

Friday 25th July 2025

We wish you a wonderful Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 6th January at 8:40am.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Salmeron
Head Teacher