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Dear Parents and carers

Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term and Happy New Year. I hope you had a wonderful time celebrating with family and friends. I met with the children in assembly yesterday and they were full of excitement to be back and told me lots about their Christmas break. We wished everybody a happy new year in a range of languages and I was ably assisted by some of our older children with the pronunciation of some!

In my newsletter next week, I will be sharing the curriculum overviews for this term for all classes. We have some really exciting and interesting topics to study and this learning is already under way.

As always, if you have any questions or queries about anything in school, please get in touch with us and we will do our best to help you.

Your support with home learning is really important and we appreciate the help you give to your children. Please continue to do this as home learning is a great way to reinforce learning done in school.

Just a few reminders as we start the new year:

- Please do not use the staff car park for drop off or pick up. This needs to be a safe space for the children to enter and exit the school site at the beginning and end of the day. This applies to all parents, including Nursery.
- We ask that all children have a water bottle with them each day. This can be refilled in school if necessary. Please do not provide your children with juice of any kind as this is against our policy and healthy eating promotion.
- If children are in school uniform, they do need to have appropriate school shoes, not trainers. On PE days, trainers are of course allowed and are safer and more comfortable for increased movement.
- Free fruit will continue to be provided to all children every day. This is a great initiative we are taking part in and will continue for the foreseeable future. Each class has a daily selection of fruit for the children to choose from at snack time.

Year 1 and Year 2

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 have had a full term to get used to their morning routine and how to get to their classrooms from the playground. Going forward, parents are asked to say goodbye to their children on the playground and the children will then make their way to the classroom. Normally, the teacher will be there to lead them anyway but, on some occasions, this may not be the case. If the weather is bad, we open the doors for the children to come inside straight away and parents are asked to still say goodbye on the playground and let their children make their own way inside. It may also be that the class has already gone to the classroom by the time you arrive and the same as above applies.

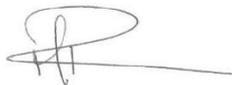
The teachers are always here to help and if you do need to speak to them before or after school just let them know and they will be happy to catch up with you.

Many thanks for your co-operation with this small change.

Uniform

You will have seen that over the Christmas holidays the Minister shared a new uniform policy. Whilst I do not think we need to make many changes to meet the new guidance I would like to take the opportunity to review our uniform. I believe that this needs to be done with the important people in our community - the children and parents. I will be setting up meetings in the coming weeks to make sure I hear the thoughts of everyone to help me make decisions about the future of our uniform. As part of the consultation, we are very likely to send out a survey to gather the views of as many people as possible. More details to follow.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,



Mal Robson

Headteacher

| Date | Event |
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| 18 th January | Reception eye tests |
| 25 th January | Y4 visit to Hamptonne |
| 30 th January | Y1 visit to Hamptonne |
| 12 th - 16 th February | Half Term |
| 21 st /22 nd February | Parent Consultations |
| 22 nd February | Y6 Du Putron Challenge Quiz |
| 27 th March | End of Term |
| 15 th April | INSET Day |
| 16 th April | Summer Term starts |