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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.

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.

Public Health Information

Parents are encouraged to keep their children off school if they are unwell and look out for symptoms of flu like illnesses as the new school term starts.

Typical symptoms include:

- fever
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- muscle or body aches
- headaches
- fatigue (tiredness)

Flu activity has increased locally and is expected to rise further in the coming weeks. Vaccination is the most important defence there is against flu like illnesses. Parents whose children missed out on the nasal flu vaccine programme in the autumn are urged to speak to their GP to ensure their children are best protected.

Maintaining good hygiene, including washing hands regularly with soap and water and catching coughs and sneezes in a tissue and disposing of it carefully is important in stopping the spread of viruses.

House Meetings

All children have met with their house captains and vice captains this morning. They discussed ways of earning house points and what they can do to support each other across the school. Our house competition this half term is going to be a spelling bee and details will be sent out early next week. This is a great opportunity for all children to be involved and support their house.

Early Morning

We are starting to see some children arriving very early for school. Whilst this is commendable as they don't want to be late, our supervision of the children only starts at 8:15am. Our breakfast club opens at 7:30am for those children who are booked in, other than that, please do not drop children off at school until approximately 8:15am. This is purely for their own safety and also while we are in the middle of some difficult winter weather.

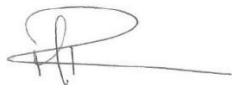
JSPCA Fundraising

On 1st February, one of our pupils, Rose, is getting her hair cut and donating it to the Little Princess Trust. This is a wonderful thing to do and she is also raising money for the Jersey Animal Shelter at the same time. If you would like to support Rose and the JSPCA, donations can be made using the following link: https://www.justgiving.com/page/casey-lodwidge-1735575452207?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to JSPCA - Jersey Animal Shelter, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

We are very proud of Rose for being so thoughtful and doing her best to help others

Wishing you a lovely weekend,



Mal Robson

Headteacher