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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy new year! I hope you had a restful Christmas. For us, the Christmas celebrations continue with our Epiphany study week.

Pantomime

We have remained optimistic about the whole-school visit to the pantomime. We look forward to attending tomorrow. Whilst full details were sent before Christmas, please be reminded that the event will begin at 2:00pm. Children should come to school as normal, in uniform. School lunches will operate as normal. The performance will finish at about 4:15. We anticipate arriving at school at 5:00pm. We will send a text out once we have left the theatre.

COVID Update

Starting the new term afresh means we have no pupil cases in school! We currently have one teacher who is isolating (1/4 of classes). We are fortunate, in some respects, that most staff have now had the virus. Hopefully, this will mean that we can remain open and not have to adopt remote learning. For now at least, there are no bubbles. This may need to change if cases rise above the LA threshold (i.e. 5 cases). Please continue to remain vigilant regarding the virus. Parents are warmly asked to wear face masks at pick-ups and drop-offs.

Physical Education (PE)

Please continue to ensure your child attends school in PE attire on PE days. We will be continuing to adopt this practice beyond the pandemic. Year 5/6 will be swimming this term (Fridays). Owls will need to bring swimming gear in a separate swimming bag for each session, which they need to take home at the end of the school day. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum. It is statutory in schools. Schools are now being encouraged to re-engage with this aspect of the curriculum. All Y5/6 will be expected to attend. Whilst it is appreciated that some child will be able to swim confidently beyond the 25 meter end-of-key stage expectation, the statutory curriculum also includes a significant focus on water safety and 'self-rescue'. I know the children will be much looking forward to experiencing the enjoyment of water activity with their peers, especially in the light of the fact that we have not been able to offer this in the recent past.

Congratulations Assemblies (Fridays)

Parents will now be invited to attend Congratulations Assemblies, starting next Friday (14th January). You will receive a text on a Wednesday if your child is to receive an award. You are then welcome to attend



(no more than 2 attendees per family). Please wear a face mask in the hall. We also kindly ask you to undertake a lateral flow test prior to attending.

After-School Club

There is clearly a need to be able to respond to last minute after-school provision for busy parents. As such, we have now managed to organise after-school provision to accommodate this. If you wish to make use of the after-school club, the expectation is that bookings are made by midday of the previous Friday. The cost is £5 per hour (Session 1: 3:15-4:15pm; Session 2: 4:15-5:15pm). However, last-minute sessions can be booked at the cost of £10:00 per session up to and including the day of need. This is a flat rate for up to 2hrs provision, including tea.

Contact Details

Please remember to keep us updated of any changes to telephone numbers or addresses. This can be done via email or telephone, or simply pop into the office at the beginning or end of the school day.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Miss Ind-Smith as a new Teaching Assistant. She comes with a wealth of experience, and will be joining the Infant Team.

As always, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



Gary Price
Headteacher

