



Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Hope you all enjoyed the festive season and are raring to go this term. We have lots of exciting things planned and will endeavour to get further key dates out to you next week.

Back to the Future

To kick start our 'Back to the Future' topic, children in Class 2 and 3 designed, created and evaluated new useful inventions. They had some amazing ideas and worked brilliantly together to see their model come to life before them. Class 1 made some fantastic boats, which they tested to see if they would float. The children chose materials which they thought would help their boat stay afloat. Great team work and all cooperated with one another magnificently.

Y6 SATS information meeting – 11th January 6-7pm

On Wednesday 11th January 2017, Mrs Longden and Miss Geeson will be holding an information evening about the Y6 SATs this year. It is a very informative session to prepare parents and children for the assessments in May. All Year 6 parents are encouraged to come along with their children. The meeting will be at 6pm in Class 3 and will last for no more than an hour.

P&G Parent Workshop 18th January 6:30-7:30pm

After the positive feedback from the maths workshop in the summer term, parents have asked for a workshop focusing on **punctuation and grammar**. Within the English curriculum there is a huge focus on punctuation and grammar at a high standard; the workshop will allow you to support your child at home with confidence. Mrs Longden and Miss Geeson will lead the session; it will be very informal and flexible – with no test at the end, we promise! This is a parent's only meeting and is designed to raise your awareness of what your child needs to learn and can we can all help them.

Maths next week:

Class 1:

- Numbers to 20 (Rec) and 50 (Y1), forwards and backwards.
- Reading, writing and ordering numbers to 20 and 50.
- Finding 1 more and 1 less

Class 2:

- Multiplication, division and problem solving.

Class 3:

- Written methods for addition and subtraction.

Telephone Numbers

If you were lucky enough to get a new mobile 'phone for Christmas, don't forget to inform us of your change of number!

Clubs

All clubs are back to normal next week.

First Time Admission

The deadline for first time admissions is Friday 15th January. Please inform anyone you think needs to know. Thank you.

Children's Woodland Adventures

These exciting lessons will begin again next week for children in Years 3, 4 & 5. Please ensure your child comes to school in appropriate clothing/footwear for outdoor learning, as these lessons go ahead regardless of the weather, including hats, gloves and socks. I suggest they wear layers, including double layers of socks inside wellies as feet get really cold. They will need to bring their uniform to school to change back into.

Viking Challenge

The Viking Challenge AGM will be held next Wednesday, 11th January, 8pm at school.

P.E Lessons

The children will be doing gymnastics this half term in their Friday PE lessons, so please ensure they have either shorts or leggings in their kit. NO jogging bottoms for safety reasons. Thank you.

Mr Williams

Many of you will have seen and heard that Mr Williams is back at school, which we are all delighted about. He is working up to full fitness and so Class 1 will continue to be supported by our excellent team including Miss Muitt who will be in school several times next week.

Letters going home this week:

Y5/6 basketball training
Y5/6 Junior chef competition

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins
Head teacher

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