



7th January 2019

Dear Parents

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Welcome back everyone! We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. It does feel like I have just written to you wishing you a great holiday, where does the time go!

At the start of the New Year we wish to remind everyone of a prompt start each day. Please can all children be in their class ready to learn by 8.55am. We open the school doors at 8.45am, close the doors at 8.55am and the school gates are locked at 9am.

Class Assemblies

Next week is the start of our class assemblies. Dates for all of these are in 'Dates and Events 2018-19' which was sent out at the beginning of the school year and is on our website.

At the children's class assembly, the class shares their learning with us in the school hall. Parents are very welcome to come to their child's class assembly. If you are able to attend, please drop your child off as normal in the morning, and join us in the dining room for a cup of tea or coffee.

We do ask that you try to find alternative child care for younger siblings and if this is not possible, please be prepared to leave if your younger child does not settle. The assembly usually lasts about 20 minutes.

January Dates 2019

4th INSET day, school closed for children
7th Start of term for children
10th Barn Owls Class Assembly – 9.20am
17th Snowy Owls Class Assembly – 9.20am
24th Tawny Owls Class Assembly – 9.20am
31th Squirrels Class Assembly – 9.20am

February Dates

1st Maths Curriculum Morning – change of date

School Admissions

The closing date for Primary school places is 15th January 2019; therefore, if you haven't already done so, all parents of Year 2 children need to apply for a Junior School Place by 15th January. If you have a child or know someone whose child is due to start in Reception the closing date for these applications is also the 15th January.

Reading and Homework

As it is the start of a New Year we would like to remind everyone of the emphasis we put on reading at home. Children need to do this reading homework daily, this practise with you at home does really make a difference. We would like the children to read every night for between 10 and 15 minutes. This would include time to talk and answer some questions about the book.

We know many of you read and just don't find the time to write in the book; please don't worry about leaving a long message if you are busy, a date and signature would indicate to us that they have read at home. Many thanks in advance for your support with your child's learning.

Please visit our class pages on our website for find more ideas for things to do at home.

Maths Curriculum Morning

As you will have seen from the December newsletter we have changed our Maths Curriculum Morning to Friday 1st February 2019.

The first part of the morning will be a presentation in the hall and then there is an opportunity to join the children in their learning. We are planning for the session to be no longer than 1½ hours long, however please come and stay for however long you are able even if this is only 30 minutes.

In order to prepare and make the day as beneficial as it can be, we would like to know approximate numbers. We realise things happen and people sometimes get held up by a change of circumstances on the day, however if you intend to come, please let the office know by Friday 25th January. On this occasion we ask that younger siblings do not join us.

Governor Update

We are looking for a new governor with finance expertise to join our skilled team, please see the advert attached.

We are continuing to raise funds for the school and will be sending out a further update at the end of the month.

The school's attainment data for 2017-2018 was validated by the DfE at the end of December. We are very pleased that our outcomes for all children have improved and we continue to be above the National Average. A copy of our data is on the school website, under key information.

Kind regards

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