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'Celebrating life and learning together'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families have all enjoyed sharing special times over the holidays and that the children are invigorated from a good rest, ready to face the challenges the new term has in store.

Please find below details of some of the activities and events coming up over the next few weeks.

School Entry September 2020
All applications for school entry in September 2020 (children who will be 4 years old between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020) must be submitted by 15th January. If you are hoping for a place in our Reception group later this year and have not yet completed your application please contact County Hall for further information.

GOLD Sports Award – sustaining our success
In order to retain our Gold Award later in the year we need to continue with the range of sporting activities and also to show development. So, moving forward we will be celebrating sports that the children regularly participate in outside school; this will enable children who are actively developing new skills to share their achievements and also to inspire others to consider trying something new. When discussing this with the children we identified over 20 sports regularly pursued outside school – and plenty were keen to share their experiences with us all.
Children need to let me or their class teacher know if they would like to give a short presentation (5-10 minutes) about their sport and we will make a timetable for Friday assemblies this term (and next term depending upon numbers). Children need to inspire others, maybe bringing some equipment, photos or certificates to support their presentation and to talk about what they have learned to do and why they enjoy this sport. We will take photos and create a board of all the sports to celebrate and inspire – and hope to hear that others have indeed been inspired to try something new.

SAT Parent Meetings
This year the teachers will be holding individual meetings with parents of children in Years 2 and 6 to discuss how best they can support their children in preparation for SAT tests in May. They will also talk to you about in-school preparation such as SAT Booster Classes. These meetings will happen over the next few weeks – parents will receive information as appropriate.

Uniform – outdoor clothing
A reminder that all children must bring a warm, waterproof coat to school each day, and wear black shoes – not trainers. The children play outside at break times, even if it is raining lightly, however this week several children have come to school without suitable coats and shoes.
Please check your child is wearing the correct uniform, again a number of people have returned from the holidays inappropriately dressed for the season – there is guidance on uniform, the wearing of jewellery and acceptable hairstyles in the prospectus – this is available on the school website if you have mislaid your paper copy.

Parents Meetings March 2020 – CHANGE OF FORMAT
It has become a statutory requirement that all parents of children on our Special Needs Register have a 30 minute 1-1 meeting with staff each term to discuss their progress, ongoing needs and support. To comply with this we are planning an afternoon of meetings for parents of KS2 children on the SEN Register on Tuesday 10th March, and for those **not** on the SEN register throughout the school on Thursday 12th March. Miss Coombes will make individual arrangements with parents of KS1 children on the SEN Register. There will be lists to sign up for appointments nearer the time.

Book Week 2 - 6th March 2020
This year the theme for Book Week will be Animals in Stories. We are planning a week of exciting activities and give you advance warning of Dressing Up Day on Thursday 5th March (also World Book Day): children need to dress up as a character in an animal-based story. The character can be human as long as there are animals that feature prominently in the story. Children will need to bring a copy of the story that has been their inspiration and a 'prop' to act as a clue to their identity. More details nearer the time.

Social Media
Some staff have been contacted by parents on their personal social media messaging sites regarding school matters. Staff are advised through the Code of Conduct not to use social media for school business, so in responding to parents they are being put in a difficult position. We would be grateful if you do not use messaging sites to contact the staff about school matters or expect them to pass on information about absences via such messages. Staff are entitled to their privacy during the evenings and at weekends, and the school telephone has an answer phone which is checked daily, or you can send an email to the office. We keep the school website as up to date as possible regarding clubs and dates for activities.

Class Two Residential Visit to Kilve Court – July 2020
Almost all the children in KS2 will be attending the residential to Kilve Court this year, an excellent chance for developing independence and resilience whilst trying out new skills and of course experiencing the exciting adventure of staying away from home with friends for a couple of nights. Further information about the visit will be circulated later this term; please remember to give Mrs Blackmore your regular payments of £40 to cover the cost of the trip if you are choosing to pay by instalments.

FLBSA News
Check the FLBSA Facebook page for updates.

Jane Major
9th January 2020

Dates for your diary
Wednesday 15th January – deadline for school entry applications for September 2020
Thursday 13th February – 'Look Who's Talking' Speaking and Listening Competition Final for KS2
Friday 14th February – break up for half term
Monday 24th February – children return to school
Monday 2nd – Friday 6th March – Book Week
Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March – 1-1 parents' meetings for children