



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. I do hope that you and your families all had a very enjoyable Christmas break. It certainly seemed like a long holiday and the children were all excited to be back on Monday – meeting their friends and starting school with their classes.

Even after one week, I have been impressed to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life and the school has the calm and purposeful atmosphere that enables the children to progress well.

On Monday, our INSET day focused upon developing our curriculum. All the staff were involved in reviewing some of the things that make our curriculum special for our children. We had a really good discussion. All our staff believe that the curriculum is not just about the subjects, and the knowledge and skills that we are required to deliver – but rather...

“Our curriculum is EVERYTHING that happens in school and takes place through the school.”

The visits, visitors, sports activities and event; our lunchtimes and playtimes all have an important part to play; wider opportunities that we provide for the benefit of our children – the links with the farm, the chance to take part in performances, our music concerts, the leadership responsibilities that our children enjoy and much more.

We will continue to strengthen our curriculum and **ensure that our children and their interests remain firmly at the centre of everything that we do.** I will try to keep you updated on this development as we continue our journey of improvement.

We look forward to a great term ahead, but just as a reminder, if you have any concerns whatsoever during the year, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes

Mike Warren
Headteacher

BIKEABILITY YEAR 5

Starting on Monday 21st –24th January

Don't forget to bring in your child's bike and helmet for year 5

Bikeability. The bikes can be left on school grounds for the week.



Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and not too cold. What a great start for January to keep our children safe on the roads whilst cycling.

WILLOW FARM TRIP

Willow class are off to the farm on Tuesday 15th January from 9.00am - 1.00pm. We have hired a minibus and Mrs Moore will be driving the children to and from the farm.

This is an engaging, memorable experience where the children learn a variety of things about working on a farm, from seed beds to crops and how they grow, machinery and how it is used. Of course there will also be the various animals on site for the children to enjoy. This covers all aspects of the curriculum and encourages the children with their topics in school. Who knows which of our children will become farmers in future years!

Please may we ask that you return your reply slips allowing the children to go and that you supply your child with a packed lunch for the day. Suitable clothing is required and wellie boots too.

Thank you!



ARE YOU HAVING A CLEAR OUT?

We need bikes for children aged 4-6 years for Beech Class and any unwanted board games for our After School Care club.



All donations greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Thought for the Week

Welcome back to a new school term! This week we have been thinking about special people (which includes each and every one of us). In the Bible (Joshua Chapter Verse 9) says: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you, wherever you go." We are special and we are not alone.



Vicar James

Please come in to the office and sign up for **PARENT'S EVENING** or call us and we will book you a slot. Thank you.

Key Dates

JANUARY

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| 14th | Clubs begin |
| 15th | Willow trip to the farm |
| 21st | Parent's evening |
| 23rd | Dance workshops - whole school |
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| 21-24th | Bikeability Yr 5 |

HALF TERM 18th-22nd February

INSET DAYS

- 23rd April
- 24th May