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NEWSLETTER - Spring 1 Week 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made a fabulous start to this Spring term. Children have settled back into routines after the Christmas break and adjusted to classroom duties very quickly. It's lovely for them to be reunited with friends again.

New member of staff

Mrs Drake, who was one of our long serving Teaching Assistants, took early retirement at the end of last term, as mentioned in my previous newsletter. We are very pleased to report that we have offered the position to Mrs Claire Travis who we feel will be an asset to our school team. Mrs Travis will begin working with us on Tuesday 23rd January in Years 5 and 6 and will support children of other KS2 classes if and when required. I am sure you will join us in making her feel welcome.

Attendance

As we begin a new term, the attendance letter has been sent out again to remind everyone about the importance of attending school and being punctual, along with information around the issuing of Education Penalty Notices (EPN). Last week Year 3 had the best attendance with 98%. Well done!

Sickness

A PING message was sent out on Friday informing parents/carers that we have had one case of Slapped Cheek Syndrome. We have sent this message out to simply make you aware, so that if your child complains of feeling poorly you can be extra vigilant.

Staff Car Park

Please can I remind you that no one is permitted to use the staff car park at any time, either before or after school hours. I understand that by pulling into the school car park, it is easier and quicker for you to collect your child from Joe's Zone, (especially in bad weather) but it is not allowed. We cannot allow one parent and not others. There have been some near misses when staff turn into the car park in the morning or pull out after school. We have put cones out, a sign up and even closed the gate, yet some parents open the gate and still drive down. Please do not do this. Rules are there to keep everyone safe and to be fair. Thank you for your cooperation and patience with this.

Spring Dates

On page 2 of this newsletter, I have listed the dates of up-and-coming events for the next term. Letters, Pings and Dojo messages regarding further details and reminders will be send out nearer the time. I know that some of our families prefer to have the dates in advance so they can make arrangements with work. If there are any changes to these dates, or indeed other dates added, you will be notified.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely
Miss Daley
Headteacher