



4th Jan 07

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new Spring Term and a brand new year. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holiday and feel refreshed and ready for the term ahead. The staff and I wish you a happy and fulfilled 2007.

Value

We begin this term with the Value 'Hope'. We shall be exploring this theme through PSHE and assemblies focusing on stories of Hope and Optimism, sharing experiences of others, who have overcome difficulties with hope, optimism and positive thinking. Our first assembly explores these concepts using Pandora's Box.

Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the school day. In order to facilitate this, children may bring their own water bottle to school, these should contain only water. Children do also need reminding to take bottles home each day for washing, as some are left in classrooms for several days or even weeks.

Sickness

At this time of year children are especially vulnerable to the ever increasing viruses and germs that thrive in school. Once these take a hold in school they can be extremely difficult to contain, as our recent experiences show. We would ask that parents keep children at home until they are fully recovered should they become poorly. In the case of vomiting and diarrhoea they need a clear 24 hours before returning to school. Hopefully this should help reduce the spread of some viruses and help to prevent children becoming repeatedly ill. We thank you for your support in this.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for this half term will be £40.50 (Jan 4th – Feb 9th) or alternatively £7.50 weekly payable in advance. Cheques to be made payable to Compass Services Ltd.

Diary

Along with this letter is half termly diary of key events in school. This information will be updated as new events are confirmed.

Reminder

The PTA are holding an informal meeting on Friday 5th January in the Ark at 2pm. This is where you can find out more about how you could become involved. Please support us in what we feel is a vital part of our whole school community.

Term Dates:

Spring 2007	Thurs Jan 4 th - Fri 30 th March Half term w/b Mon 12 th Feb
Summer 2007	Tues 17 th April - Fri 20 th July May Day - Mon 7 th May Half term - w/b Mon 28 th May Staff Training day - Fri 29 th June
Autumn 2007	Tues 4 th Sept - Thurs 20 th Dec Half term - w/b Mon 22 nd Oct

Yours sincerely

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