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Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to our first spring term. It has been a busy start to the term and I haven't managed to be out on the playground as much as I would have liked to wish you 'a Happy New Year' in person, apologies for that.

I do think that after only three days for the children and four for the staff, many are a little exhausted. The Christmas holiday is always a busy time for everyone and it seems we are back at school before the festive celebrations and the Christmas chocolates etc are not quite finished. I do hope you had a good break and much fun and laughter was had by all.

We have been extremely pleased with how well the children have settled back into their learning routines and we have had some excellent work produced across school this week. Lots of house points have been earned and there have been numerous children achieving a gold sticker.

For some of our children this week has meant getting used to a new teacher within their classroom. This can sometimes be slightly unsettling for the children, however the children have been amazing and showed adaptability and resilience. The learning has gone well however, as always, please do come and speak to either myself, Mrs Houlden or your child's class teacher if you have any questions or queries.

We are planning a short 'meet the teacher' session for Roses and Lilies in the very near future and I will share details with you early next week, to support liaison and communication between home and school in these classes.

Depending on the current guidelines we are hoping to start some extracurricular activities either after school or at lunchtime later this term and we will be looking for opportunities to

enhance the children's learning through visits and visitors to school. We will be sharing a class overview with you in relation to your child's learning for the term next week.

Covid 19

Thank you once again to everyone for adopting the restrictions when on the school site. We are really fortunate that cases remain relatively low in our school community and we want to continue to do everything we possibly can to try and keep them that way.

If you have a positive case in your household, please inform the school. Your child can continue to attend school however they need to undertake a daily LFT which needs to remain negative. If your child shows any signs of the covid virus (**A new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell**) or are indeed just unwell, we would suggest they undertake an LFT.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Sunflowers - The whole class

Daffodils - Jaxon

Roses - Sam

Tulips - Ellsie

Lilies - Summer



Houses

The winning house this week is **Roall**.

Marsh, the winning house of the last half term, will have their treat for winning next week.

Uniform

Please can we ask that you put your child's name in their uniform. We are still finding jumpers, shorts, shoes etc around school without names and often there doesn't appear to be anyone missing them. Also having your child's uniform named helps prevent the wrong person going home in it!

PE Kit

Please can PE kits come into school on a Monday and go home on Friday for washing. We are still undertaking some sessions of PE outside when we can and children will be doing the Golden Kilometer throughout the week and so do need their trainers or PE shoes each day.

Morrisons' Good to Grow scheme

Thank you to everyone for collecting the vouchers for this. We have been able to order some fantastic resources for the children to enjoy!

Attendance

Please continue to ensure that your child comes to school everyday that they possibly can.

We are working extremely hard to enable all the children to not be disadvantaged by their lost learning due to the issues over the last 18 months and therefore they need to be here, in school, for us to be able to support them to be the best they can be.

Please can I remind everyone to inform us promptly if your child is absent from school, we do need a message via telephone or email as early as possible, by 9.30 am at the latest, however sooner is preferable. If we do not hear from you we have a duty of care to make contact to establish where your child is. We will keep ringing you until we get a reply. If we don't get a reply we could have to report your child as a missing child.

We know this is sometimes difficult but whenever possible please try and make any appointments outside of school hours, or at the beginning or end of the school day.

Attendance this week (Wednesday and Thursday)

Lilies - 100% Tulips - 96.67% Roses - 100% Daffodils - 96.67% Overall - 98.45%

Thank you!

To Mrs Newton and Mr and Mrs McCartney (local councillors) for successfully obtaining a grant of £300 to support the purchase of plants to improve the air quality in our classrooms. It has been researched that having specific plants within school classrooms purify the air which in turn will enhance the children's learning. We are excited to be purchasing the plants over the next couple of weeks for all of our classrooms.



Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please do contact the school for further information on how to check your eligibility and apply. Even if your child is in KS1 and is currently receiving a universal free school meal, if you are eligible for FSM it is really important that you apply, as there are still additional benefits for your child,

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 11th January - Swimming 1.30-3.15 for Tulips class until the end of the spring term.

Friday 18th February - Inset day - School closed for children

Monday 21st- Friday 25th - February half term holiday.

Monday 28th February - School reopens

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day - details to follow later

Monday 14th March - Class photographs

Friday 8th April - School closes for the Easter holiday until **Monday 25th April**

We will add more dates to the calendar next week.

I do hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to welcoming the children back for a full week of learning next week

Take care and kind regards Helen Humphrys Headteacher



