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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to school all – it's great to be back. Happy New Year! I hope that you all enjoyed the holidays. I know that we had a lot of illness in our school community over Christmas break; fingers crossed you are all through it and ready to seize 2023.

Your pups have grown so much over Christmas and have come back to school raring to go and hungry to learn. Talking about being hungry, we have changed the start time of lunch, bringing it forward to 1150 for FS pupils and 1200 for the rest of school as we had some "Starving Miss Boswell" and eager-to-eat Year 5/6s. It seems to be going very well indeed, with all children fed by 1225 – happy children. The change also makes our afternoon learning session longer and more productive – a win, win.

Some important dates for you coming up soon

'Come to School with your Child: 30th January 9am until 9.30am: We would like to offer you the opportunity to come along to school with your child and spend some quality time with them in their class or group.

On 30th January 9am until 9.30am you are invited to 'Come to School with your Child'. This offers you the opportunity to work alongside your child and to be able to explore their learning and experience a snapshot of their school day. As an observer and 'learning buddy', you will encounter a typical lesson that your child takes part in daily. The focus for the session is mathematics.

Teaching staff see this as an excellent opportunity for you to gain more of an insight into how they deliver lessons and how they and Teaching Assistants work with your child.

Due to class sizes and space constraints, we are only able to accommodate ten parents in a classroom per session – one parent per family. Please fill in the form below to request a place. If you are unable to make the date, or miss out on a place, don't worry, as we intend to run the open times again this academic year. Our children are eager for you to see how hard they work and for you to experience at first hand, what excellent activities they can experience.

https://forms.office.com/e/5T9jmk9Fca

Don't miss out on the chance for your child to 'Bring My Parent/Carer to School' and to learn about your child's progress. Entry and exit will be through the main reception door.

Open Afternoon @ 2.30pm – 3.15pm 7th February: you are invited into school to visit your child's classroom and share their books and learning with them. If you have more than one child, you can whizz between classrooms if you wish. Entry and exit will be through your child's classroom door.

Snow: in the event of snow, please check your ParentHub – I will try to contact you as early as possible in the morning if it comes overnight and we cannot open up. If it falls during the school day, you will be notified through ParentHub if you need to pick up from school early. Fingers crossed it keeps well-away.

Attendance: I am hoping that all of us being ill over Christmas has ensured that we will not catch any more viruses and bugs. Please avoid taking time off school during term time for holidays and ensure that as many medical appointments are made outside of school time. That's it for now. Have a super weekend everyone.

Ms Bx















