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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are nearing the end of the term, for some of you your first term with us and I would like to say thank you for your continued support to the school. I am always very proud of the wonderful relationship staff achieve with you and your children. Seeing happy children arriving every day is wonderful! Can I remind you that if your child is not in school for any reason you must inform the office. We are aiming for 95% attendance as that is what is required by Ofsted and Herts County Council, we have not managed above 85% yet so we need your child to be an attendance

Here

Everyday

Ready

On time

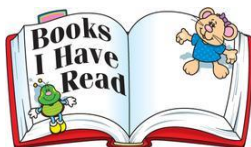
We have had some toys & displays damaged by children recently – can you talk to your child about looking after the equipment at school, thank you for your support in this.



Please can I remind you as the garden gets wetter and muddy, can you ensure your child has a pair of **named** wellies in school every day, thank you. This also helps keep our carpets clean.



We have had a lot of toys in school recently, please can you leave toys at home, we have lots of toys in the rooms and it can be difficult for us to keep your lovely toys safe, children then get upset when their toy has disappeared.



Did you know - ***Good readers make good learners*** there is a proven link to young children having lots of books read to them and their success in later life. So get sharing books, books at breakfast, books at bedtime and all the time! **Library books are always available for you to take home.**

Homework – we love receiving your child’s homework/ home learning please send to homework@greenfield.herts.sch.uk



Ditch the Dummy - The guidance for stopping dummy & bottle use is around 1-year-old. After this time a dummy can have a negative impact on developing speech. We would like to run a ditch the dummy campaign so the dummies/bottles can be posted in our special box. Look out for further details in a separate letter. Here are points from speech therapists -

- ✓ Continuous dummy/bottle sucking can result in uneven development of teeth.
- ✓ It may affect the growth of the bones of the jaw; this may lead to poor speech.
- ✓ Dummies and bottles **can** stop your child from **talking properly**,
- ✓ this can be frustrating for your child.
- ✓ A dummy makes it difficult to copy and play with sounds they hear.



We have a Facebook page that updated regularly – look us up and keep in touch.

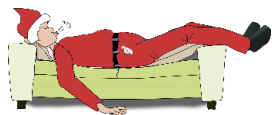
If you have a child with additional needs this is a useful link - Free online news and information about inclusive sports, courses, support for parents, carers and young people and much more, from Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database (HAND) www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews

We are now collecting for our **Christmas raffle**. If you are able to donate books, toys, unwanted gifts, biscuits, sweets, mince pies and bottles please place them in the box in reception. **Tickets on sale soon, be in it to win it!**

Daisy Chain – Paula has asked for feedback for the lunchtime sheet informing you of what your child has eaten. Is it useful? Can you please let Naz or Paula know your thoughts. Thank you.

Junk- Your junk is our treasure – we are looking for; Scoops, cardboard tubes, egg boxes, boxes, spoons, safe metal ornaments/bowls, old kitchen equipment, curtain rings, old keys.

The governors and I wish you all a happy and peaceful holiday and look forward to your continued support during the New Year.



Yours Sincerely,

Deborah Harrison - Head Teacher



Important dates for you to remember! Pop this on your fridge!

Important Christmas Dates

13th December NURSERY ONLY

Parents come and see your child singing

Christmas sing - a - long

11:15 AM Children

12:45 PM Children

Christmas Party 18th December 2017 - ALL rooms

Morning time 9:30 to 11:30am

Afternoon time 1pm to 3pm

Last Day - 19th December 2017

ALL children in the morning 9:30 to 11:00 am

NO AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Spring Term - Dates

3rd January 2018 - CLOSED Inset Day

4th January 2018 - Children return

12th February to 16th February 2018 -

School Closed Half Term

23rd March 2018 - Last Day term