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School starts at 8.50am (FS 9am). Please ensure children are in class in plenty of time. Please pick your child up promptly at the end of the day at 3.30pm.

**School Newsletter**

4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy New Year and welcome you back to the school. I hope that you have had a restful break and are looking forward to the year ahead.

This is a very short term, just over 11 weeks, and we will be breaking up for half term on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. As in all schools in the spring term, there is much to cover in terms of the curriculum and we will be expecting your child to work as hard as ever so that they can make the appropriate progress.

Curriculum Jigsaws

At the end of last term, you were forwarded a copy of the curriculum jigsaw to help you understand what your child will be learning this term. Just before the winter holidays things can be hectic and this communication may have been missed. Please have a look again at the jigsaw which is available on the school website so you can work with your child on the various topics that are being covered in the curriculum.

Maths Teaching

We are continuing with our mastery approach to mathematics which gives children the opportunity to develop their understanding of mathematical concepts in greater depth. Miss Hames is leading this initiative in the school and will be shortly holding some mathematics curriculum evenings for parents to attend. Please look out for details of this in the near future.

Pupil Progress

At the end of last term all the teaching staff updated their records so that we could ascertain the progress of all individual children within the school. Shortly you will receive a summary report that will inform you of how your child is doing with regards to their levels at the school. The summary report will contain information about where your child was at the start of the academic year for Reading, Writing and Mathematics and the progress they made over the term. Teachers will also provide you with a grade about effort. These reports are for your information only and you will have a chance to discuss them with your child's class teacher at parents' evening later this term.

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### After School Clubs and Activities

Miss Gladwin-Stride has worked very hard with the school staff and outside providers to ensure that there are a great range of activities for your child to participate in. There are over 50 different sessions running at the school either before school, after school or at lunchtimes. I would encourage you to try to persuade your child to participate in these clubs as we strongly believe that this helps them to develop into more confident, lifelong learners. Applications for clubs closed today and Miss Galdwin-Stride will email parents who have been successful in obtaining a place.

### Additional Music Opportunities

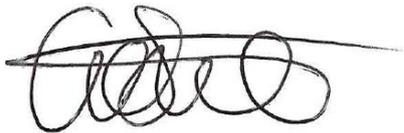
In the last newsletter I was pleased to see that thanks to Mrs Clarke's hard work over 90 children have participated in additional music provision at the school. A number of children who have taken external public exams in violin and singing have been successful in their attempts. So far the school has entered 10 children to participate in these examinations and we are looking to enter more children with a view to becoming an examination centre ourselves in the future. I feel that providing children with this very different opportunity will set us apart from other schools. At the carol concert at the end of last term, it was evident how much the children enjoyed singing and how fantastically they sang a song in Latin, French and English.

### Safeguarding Issues

I am sure that many of our school community were lucky enough to be given presents this holiday that enable them to access the Internet. Last term, you were sent out some information regarding safety on the Internet and I would like to remind you that it is good practice to ensure that you know what your child is accessing and placing the appropriate parental controls on your broadband provider. Please can I remind you that although your children may pressurise you to allow them to access social media sites, many of these sites are recommended for children over 13 years of age as younger children may be vulnerable to access of inappropriate material. Although such devices are not allowed at the school, and children hand in all mobile phones at reception in the morning, incidents that happened via social media often come back into school and impact on the children's learning.

I look forward to seeing you throughout this term and hope that you don't feel too gloomy this January.

Kind regards



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