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Dear Parents/Carers

On behalf of the staff and Governors may I wish you all a very Happy New Year! I hope you all have had a peaceful Christmas with your friends and families.

Morning Routine

Thank you for the positive feedback and acceptance of the new morning routine. The children are now in their classes and working by 9am.

School Clubs

Homework club with Mrs Aldridge starts on Monday 8th January (moved from Tuesdays).

Mr Cambell's choir practise starts on Monday 8th January at 8.30am.

After school sports starts on Monday 8th January for Year 5 and 6.

Bollywood dancing starts on Wednesday 10th January.

Year 6 and Year 2 have clubs at lunchtime.

Music club starts for Year 1 at lunchtime.

Miss Soliman's dance club starts Friday 5th January.

Please note that you should receive separate confirmation in writing from the class teacher for any after school sports clubs.

Reading Books

It is school policy to change children's reading books **at least once a week**. Please could you read with your child regularly and ask them questions about their book as this will help to build their confidence and fluency in reading. If you have any questions about your child's progress in reading please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher.

School Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child's name is on all their school uniform, including PE kit so that it can quickly be returned to your child if it is lost. Also that footwear is plain black and shirts are red in keeping with our uniform policy.

Tapestry

The Early Years team have introduced Tapestry as a way of recording progress for children. All parents of children in Nursery and Reception should have now received an email explaining how to access your child's learning journey. Thank you to all the parents who have accessed Tapestry so far and their wonderful comments.

Reception 2018

If your child is currently in Nursery please ensure that you apply for a Reception place via Tameside website – following the admissions link. Please note the closing date is 15th January 2018.

Nursery 2018

If you would like your child to join our Nursery class in September 2018 please arrange a visit and complete the necessary admission forms available from the office.

Mental Health Week

Next week the children will have opportunities to talk about mental health in school. They will be exploring what mental health means and how practicing techniques such as mindfulness can improve mental health. We are also having a visit from our school nurse who will be working with Year 5 on improving resilience.

Many thanks for your continued support

Regards

Mrs I Williams

Head Teacher