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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

As you can all appreciate December was a very busy month in school and we packed a lot into the two weeks before we broke up for the holidays. We had two wonderful evenings at the Melbury House Carol Concert and we would like to thank Charlotte Townsend for allowing us to use her home to host these evenings. We would also like to thank Allison Rees who gave up many afternoons to come in to school to teach the children the songs, along with Mrs Hart, Miss Stone and Mrs Low.

Mrs Watson organised the Wellie Walk which ended up at Melbury House where refreshments were provided for the whole school. The children all enjoyed singing Christmas songs in an amazing environment. We would once again like to thank Charlotte Townsend for allowing the children to visit Melbury House and Mrs Watson for organising such a lovely walk for the school.

The Nativity was so well attended this year that next year we plan to have two performances to ensure that there is plenty of room for all those wishing to attend. I know the children loved the performance and I am sure from the feedback we received that you all enjoyed it too!

Drama Club performed "Baboushka" to their parents and the whole school on the Thursday before we broke up for the holidays and I must say this was a very special performance for which the children should be congratulated. Mrs Hart takes drama club every Thursday and arranges the plays during these sessions. In such a short amount of time Mrs Hart manages to achieve some fantastic shows and the children are continuing to grow in confidence each time they perform. Thank you to everyone who attended. We are fundraising for lighting to be put in the hall to add an extra bit of magic to the children's performances. This time we managed to raise £70.

Reception Children for September 2018

Can I remind parents that have younger children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2014 that the closing date for the first round of applications is 15 January 2018. You can apply for a place by going to www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions. If you do not have access to a computer you are welcome to come into school and use one of the office computers.

If you know of any parents outside of school who have children in this age range we would really appreciate it if you could also mention it to them.

Plates from shared lunch

We have a large number of plates that were left over from the last day before Christmas. Please come and claim them if they are yours!



Morning Arrival

I know this is only the first week of term and we are all getting back into the school routine however, children are already arriving after 8.40am this week. Please ensure your child is in school before 8.40am so that they are in their classrooms ready to start the school day promptly at 8.45am.

Attendance

Another reminder of the importance of good school attendance in improving a young person's chance of success in life and establishing positive attitudes to life-long learning. There is clear evidence of the link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement.

If a child has an attendance level of 90% they will have missed one day a fortnight in school. Over a school year this will represent four weeks of absence. If this level of absence were maintained for a five year period it would mean half a school year would have been missed.

Borrowed PE Kit

As a school we have purchased some spare PE kit for children to borrow if they forget their own. Unfortunately, not all of the kit loaned out has been returned, including trainers/daps. We are now running very low on spare kit and we would be very grateful if you could check to see if you have any at home and if so return it as soon as possible.

School Lunches – Please remember to order

Can I just remind you that hot school meals need to be ordered at least one week in advance. If you have not ordered meals for next week then your child will need a packed lunch. You can always check your order by logging on to www.myschoolmeals.co.uk

PE Shed

We have noticed that equipment from the PE shed is being used by children after school and as much as we love to see the children playing after school this equipment is for school use only. If your child is using a piece of school equipment please could you ask them to hand it in to the school office.

Morning Snacks

Just a reminder that we are now providing fruit/veg at morning break time to all children in school. There will no longer be a need to send in a morning snack for your child, and we will only allow children to eat fruit and vegetables.

Christian Values

This half term we will be focussing on Perseverance as our Core Christian Value. This will be discussed and explored during our Collective Worship, and followed up by relating it to our everyday lives in the classrooms. Please find attached a leaflet with some activities and information for you.

Please check the school calendar for details of inset days, school events and school holidays. These dates are usually set before the start of the new academic year and are generally available on the school diary from June onwards.

Clubs

Please see attached letter.

Yours sincerely,
Kathy McCann
Headteacher