

Dear Parents & Carers

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Message from Mrs Majcher

A very happy and healthy new year to you all. I hope your Christmas was wonderfully and restfully spent and you all feel refreshed as we begin the new decade. Thank you very much for all the kind wishes and gifts. They were all much appreciated.

A New IT Suite

We come back to a brand new computer suite. All the computers have been replaced with up to date technology which will mean that connections will be speedier. This will greatly enhance IT lessons. Mr Nathan has provided staff with training and we look forward to using this technology. The old suite was in desperate need of replacement and could no longer be updated.

The Diamond Courtyard Garden

When I popped in over the holidays, I was amazed to see that our landscaper had made a start on the garden already. He has decided to keep the slabs so there will not be a need to remove them, however, not wanting our parent helpers to be disappointed, Richard has asked for help to bring the soil in once he gets to that point. I will keep my volunteers posted!

Also on the back brick wall of the courtyard a mural is being painted. The children will be asked for their ideas to add to the mural.

All in all the space will soon be transformed from dull and lifeless to a beautiful and peaceful garden.

Office Update

Mrs Briant and Mrs Piggott are pleased to be back in their room. The extensive ground works have been completed and fingers crossed that all is well again. The ladies have taken the opportunity to rearrange the room to be even more efficient.

Continual Improvement

It is great to be able to continually improve and update the school. We are always complimented by visitors on how lovely our school looks. It is very important for both the children and staff to be able to work in a beautiful and modern environment – so vital for everyone's well-being.

Local Area Study

This term all year groups will be undertaking a study of Flackwell Heath in a historical and geographical way. It is important for the children to know about their local area and Flackwell Heath has a very interesting history! I would like to thank the local History Society for their help, their knowledge of the area is very thorough. If you have any photos or interesting facts about the history or geography of the area, please let us know.

Challenge Master Award

Following the recommendations from our Learning Council we are introducing a new award this term. Children who challenge each other and the adults in their class in an educational way will be rewarded with a Challenge Master badge which they can wear all week. During the

Big Cat Tokens from The Sun

Please remember to continue to send in the tokens. We have 3500 to collect and have only 211 to date.

Class assembly dates

A note for your diary of the dates for class assemblies, all at 2.45 pm.

5C Friday 17th January

6C Friday 24th January

3C Friday 7th February

6S Friday 6th March

5S Friday 13th March

3S Friday 20th March

Class 4 will lead the Easter assembly on Wednesday 1st April at 2.45 pm.

Hairbands

Please note that hairbands should be plain and not patterned in any way. Colours are blue, white and red.

Seesaw Survey

Thank you to all those parents/carers who completed our Seesaw Survey. The results were overwhelmingly positive. Seesaw has gone from strength-to-strength in the last 18 months, and whilst there is still room for improvement, judging from the feedback we have received, it has become a fundamental part of the conversations that you are having with your child(ren) about their learning and further consolidates the home-school partnership. Without your input and engagement, all of this simply would not be worthwhile – thank you once again.

If you have not yet signed up for Seesaw please see your child's teacher as soon as possible – they will help you. Our aim is to get as many parents/carers as possible to use Seesaw.

Here are some comments we'd like to share:

“As a parent we are able to see our child's progress and where we can offer support.”

“It's allowed us to share success and achievements positively at home which in turn leads to encouraging my child”.



Mrs Majcher and Staff

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Monday 13 th January	Girls Football – Years 4-6	3.15-4.15 pm
Tuesday 14 th January	Boys Football – Years 4-6	3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 30 th January	Netball – Years 4-6	3.15-4.15pm
Monday 3 rd February	Choir to perform at the 02	Evening
Tuesday 11 th February	Parent Consultation Evening	4.00 pm to 7.30 pm
Wednesday 12 th February	Parent Consultation Evening	3.30 pm to 5.30 pm
Friday 14 th February	Break up for half term	3.15 pm
Monday 24 th February	Children return to school	8.40 am
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	All day
Wednesday 11 th March	Drop and Stop	9-11 am
Tuesday 24 th March	Book Look	3.30-4.00 pm
Wednesday 25 th March	Book Look	8.15-8.40 am
Thursday 2 nd April	PTA Disco	TBA
Friday 3 rd April	End of Spring Term	1.00 pm