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Tuesday 8th January 2019

Happy New Year all, I hope you had a restful break and a fabulous Christmas. We are looking forward to a very busy term with WOW events, Sports competitions, Playhouse performances and opportunities to work across ELAN. Please keep up to date with all events on the school website or facebook page.

Welcome to Mrs Bevan who has joined us as the crocodile class teacher. We will be bidding a sad farewell to Mrs Smith on Friday 18th January. A reminder please to ensure that the office has been informed of any changes to contact numbers for emergencies and that ParentPay accounts are kept in credit.

Please also ensure that all coats, jumpers etc are clearly named. Lost property builds up quickly!



International updates

During the Christmas break we were very pleased to learn that we had successfully achieved the go ahead to become reaccredited for the International Award. Locking School and Mahanaga Maha College Sri Lanka, work well together supporting education across the two countries. This year we will be focussing on acts of kindness, recyclable art, maths drama, global goals, modern foreign language and a celebration of the link. The link has been maintained for 12 years, with ministers of education taking a keen interest in our achievements.



Parking

A reminder please to park with consideration if parking in Meadow Drive, Lime Close or Elm Tree Road. The police have been called on more than one occasion as drivers have parked over, or even on, our neighbours driveways. We are really lucky to have a car park which can hold 90 cars and would encourage you to use this rather than annoying our neighbours. Thank you.

Film Night Thursday 24th January 2019

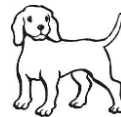
Date for your diary: Thursday 24th January 3:15 – 5:30pm – **Film night.**

Tickets are now available for the final film night of this academic year at a cost of £5 each. Tea and snacks are provided. Please note there will be **no** after school club on this evening. Films being shown are classic Disney favourites.

Play Leader and SMSA vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime play leader and bank School Meal Supervisory Assistants. The hours of work will be 6.25 per week – 11:55 – 1:10pm term time only. The pay works out at £8.62 per hour.

Please contact the school office for further information and an application form if interested.



Dogs on site

A reminder please that dogs are not allowed on school property. If you need to carry a dog, please do not put them down. If you need to tie a dog to the fence outside of the school, please secure it away from where the children walk as possible as we have had reports of children being frightened to walk past. Thank you.



Chartwell theme days

Chartwells, our school meals provider, will be serving special Theme Day menus of the following days: Thursday 17th January 2019 – build a burger, Tuesday 5th February – Chinese Day, Tuesday 5th March – Pancake Day, Tuesday 26th March – Italian Day. Please note these will be a change from the normal menu.

School Uniform

A reminder please that school uniform, including appropriate footwear, should be worn at all times.

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times, including jogging trousers during the winter for outside PE. Thank you.

Data collection sheets – a reminder

If you have not yet returned your data collection sheet sent home before Christmas please return them to the school office as soon as possible. The information collected is important in being able to contact parents in cases of emergency etc. Please return the amended sheet as soon as possible.

Tea Toast and Tips – Friday 11th January

Please join Mrs Stone and Mrs Keate on Friday 11th January 2019, 8:55am. for tea, toast and tips. The focus of this drop in session will be the effective use of Positive Praise. The kettle will be on and the toaster toasting in the Community Room – off of the KS1 hall.

Holidays during term time – a reminder

Since September 2013 head teachers have only been allowed to grant leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. The Government expects it to be extremely unusual for leave of absence / holidays during term time, to be permitted by schools.

From 1st January 2019, Term Time Holiday will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Where leave of absence is taken without permission, or suspected holidays have been taken, the Local Authority will fine £60 per parent per pupil.

Please see the attached letter, from our Education Welfare Officer for further details.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 8 th January	Start of term 3.
Wednesday 9 th January	Year 3 WOW day.
Friday 11 th January	Sports for Schools start Football training.
Friday 11 th January	Tea, toast and tips – details above.
Monday 14 th January	FS2 WOW day.
Thursday 17 th January	Special lunch – build a burger.
Friday 18 th January	Mrs Smith retirement.
Thursday 24 th January	Film night.
Tuesday 5 th February	Special lunch – Chinese day.
Friday 15 th February	Tea, toast and tips – details to follow.
Friday 15 th February	End of term 3.
Monday 25 th February	Start of term 4
Tuesday 5 th March	Special lunch – pancake day.
Thursday 7 th March	Book fair arrives.
Thursday 14 th March	WASPs music festival at the Playhouse.
Friday 22 nd March	Tea, toast and tips – details to follow.
Tuesday 26 th March	Special lunch – Italian day.
Friday 5 th April	End of term 4.

Film night permission

I give permission for my child..... class.....
to attend film night and watch a PG film.
I enclose £5.

Signed.....Parent / Guardian

