



Dear Families,



I do hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break with friends and family.

This term will bring many exciting curricular experiences to include our Spotlight On Sport which will be gymnastics. The children will enjoy workshops led by Becky and Holly as well as workshops planned by additional outside providers. All children will enjoy historical based learning opportunities with the planning of a **Time Capsule** learning environment to inspire and support the children's understanding of chronology. Please be prepared for a bit of a 'dress up' to help the children step back in time and many more 'creative' opportunities.

Do please check the News Flashes for regular school updates. This will keep you abreast of the many events happening this term. Do please check your emails for any additional ParentMail messages from us too.

MUFTI days awarded for attendance

Well done Mozart, Luther King, Farah, Presley and Rowling classes. You have all met or exceeded the National attendance target of 96% for this half-term's attendance. Your MUFTI day has been scheduled for **Friday 9th February**. Please do make sure that you contact the school office if your child is unwell or unable to come to school. We are proud of our improved attendance.



The planning for Enrichment

The children will continue to enjoy Enrichment sessions this academic year but these will now be planned by the teacher and teaching assistant together. Enrichment sessions will continue to develop the children's creative and artistic skills and will support the project being planned for the half-term.

Our Christmas Food Market fundraiser

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas Food Market. We are thrilled to have also raised £500.00. Your support is very much appreciated.



Pupil Achievement Review Day (PAR Day)

Please do make sure that you have **Friday 23rd February** in your diary as the next scheduled attainment and progress review meeting. At this meeting your child's classteacher will share the progress your child has made since the start of this academic year in reading, writing and Mathematics.

Our Savings Scheme

As the New Year starts all staff are busy planning their school visits for this term. These visits can only be booked if you contribute to your class Savings Scheme. Please do make sure that your contribution of £15.00 is paid in at the school office this week. Your support is very much appreciated.

PE kits at the ready!

Please do make sure that your child/ren have a clean PE kit in school each week. This includes the correct footwear of trainers or plimsolls.

Dates for your diary

8th January—extra-curricular activities start

18th January at 11.30 am—am Holmes Family Feast lunch

25th January at 12.00 pm—pm Holmes Family Feast lunch

9th February—attendance MUFTI day

12th—16th February—half-term holiday

23rd February—PAR Day—the school will be closed for the usual teaching sessions

29th March at 2.00 pm—last day of the spring term

The Head Boy and Girl team opening the local Co-op.





Dear Families,

Online homework (Mathletics)

Please be aware that you will all soon be receiving details about our newly revised online homework plan for this academic year. You will all have the opportunity of working more closely with your child in completing Mathematics tasks with your child that match exactly what the children are learning in the classroom with much improved access and challenge.

Information sent to you via Parent-Mail will include your child's specific password and instructions for access. We can't wait to launch this new programme and we welcome your feedback.

School Lunches

Please remember that the cost of school lunches has now increased to £2.00 per child per day. This can be paid daily, weekly or monthly. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to receive Universal Free School Meals under the Government scheme. Payment for lunches can be made in cash via the post box in the office or via bank transfer. Please speak with a member of the office team if you have any questions.



Reviewing our Behaviour For Learning Management Strategies

This September all staff have been involved in a review of our behaviour management strategies which we launched last year.

As part of this review we have developed a series of progressive sanctions as well as reviewing how we celebrate and reward excellent behaviour choices. **Our Choices** that we expect all children to adhere to have been revisited and consist of the following:

- we will take responsibility for everything we say and do
- we will strive to be the best we can be
- we will enjoy and embrace our experiences
- we will be proud of ours, and others', achievements
- we will listen to others
- we will look after each other, the school and resources
- we will learn from our mistakes and never give up
- we will ask for help if we need it

We will be reminding the children of these expectations and rewarding the children every time they follow Our Choices consistently. The following rewards will continue to support the choices our children make:

- verbal praise
- visiting a member of the Senior Leadership Team to share and celebrate the excellent behaviour choices
- receiving an 'ask me what I have achieved today' sticker/certificate from either Mrs van Manen or Mrs Bull
- receiving a 'WOW card' from the classteacher/teaching assistant
- additional minutes at play-time/lunchtime, lining up first etc.

Our school website will include information about the children who receive 'WOW cards' or achievement certificates. Please do check this weekly.

If your child's choices concern us we want to make you as fully aware and as involved as possible.

It is our priority to maintain a consistent approach to managing our high expectations of behaviour both at school and at home in partnership with you.

Mrs N Bull