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Dear Parents / Carers



Welcome back to the new term. **Happy New Year** to you all. I hope that you had a great break over the Christmas holidays, and managed to spend some time with family and friends.

We have some new staff to welcome who have started with us this term. **Ms Heather Regan** has joined us as the teacher in Class 6; **Ms Fahmida Khan** is the class teacher for Class 10; and **Ms Nasria Maudhoo** is the new teacher for Class 7.

Also joining us we have a new teaching assistant working in reception – **Ms Amy Young-Henry** in Class 14. We welcome them all, and wish them well as they start their new jobs.



The **Christmas Fair** at the end of last term was once again successful. Together with the raffle and the Christmas assemblies we raised an impressive **£860.44**. Thank you to all of you who supported the Christmas fundraising. The plan is to spend this in the playgrounds, buying more equipment for the children. We have already started this process by buying a second table-tennis table, and four new basketball hoops in order to make sure that both playgrounds are equally inviting.

We are also training up some children in Y5 and Y6 to be **sports leaders** in the playground – to help children organise games and competitions. They are receiving their first bout of training today, along with the staff who will be supporting them.



Well done and good luck to:

Yusuf, Ved, Solomon, Sumia, Maggie, Alia, Briana, Ridwan, Shalom, Binyaamin, Efos and Zoraida in Year 5; and to Sarah, Kai, Zakariyah, Yasmin, Kimberley, Teddy, Angela, Kerris, Ameena, Marin, Osman and Rafid in Year 6.



Attendance last half term was good. There were 133 children who attended for 100% of the days which is very impressive given all the bugs and germs that were around in December. This was 47 more children than had 100% attendance in the first half of last term, so very well done to all those children (& parents!) – these children will all be receiving a certificate shortly.

Thank you to the parents who have worked so hard to ensure this excellent attendance.

As you will have spotted, the **EYFS playground** is closed at the moment. We have closed it for the week to allow for some works to be done. There is a large canopy being erected, a brand new storage shed for large items and a wide range of external storage being installed. All of this will make the outside learning space for EYFS look much smarter, and will enable the children to be able to do a lot more organising of their own learning which is an essential strand of the EYFS curriculum. I am sure that you, and the children, will be really impressed by the finished results.



We have also had some essential upgrading to **the school's wifi provision**. With all the ICT that is currently available to be used, the system needed to be improved. The new structure will ensure that the children are able to use i-pads and laptops easily in class, with (hopefully) no technical issues. You won't actually see the results of this work, but hopefully the children will be able to tell you about the impact of the upgrade.

Now the weather is getting a lot colder please make sure that your child has suitable clothes for playtime & lunchtime – a **warm coat, scarf, gloves and hat**. Please also ensure that every item of your child's clothes is **clearly named**. We still have a large amount of items in the Lost Property at the moment that we cannot return as we don't know who it belongs to. If your child is missing anything then please [check out the Lost Property trolley](#) in the bottom hall.



Some dates for this term and next for your diaries:

World Religion Day – Monday 16th January
Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th February
World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March
Music Concert – Friday 17th March

Parents' Evenings – March 22nd; July 5th

ASSEMBLIES

Nirvana (Buddhist) – Wednesday 8th Feb
Purim Assembly (Jewish) – Wednesday 8th March
Easter Assembly (Christian) – Wednesday 29th March

Please see the school date cards or the website for further dates.

This term will be another very busy one. We made a lot of changes last term to improve the curriculum, and the provision for the children across the school. This term we need to embed these changes and make sure that the children are making really good progress across all areas of the curriculum.

Kate McGee
Headteacher

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