

7th January 2003.

Dear Parents



A warm welcome back to your children and a happy New Year to you all. We welcome two new staff to the school. Mrs Wickens who has joined the Nursery as a nursery nurse and Mrs Franklin who has joined the Base as learning support assistant. We also welcome two new pupils to our main school and six pupils who join our nursery next week. The Spring term is another busy term and I provide information about various events



School Uniform. The governors have asked me again to remind you about children wearing our agreed uniform and girls wearing only stud earrings. All pupils should wear sensible black school shoes, grey or black trousers, white polo shirt and the school crested sweatshirt. We do keep some 'nearly new' sweatshirts, which we sell at a low price. Please contact Sarah in the school office.

I will be checking all pupils on Monday to ensure that they are wearing the agreed uniform and sweatshirts are marked with their names. I will write to the parent of any child not in school uniform. As sweatshirts seem to go missing at times we will write names in any that need it. I look for your support on the matter of uniform.

Please note that the National Schoolwear Shop has moved to 3-4 St. Alban Street and a 10% voucher is issued below if you wish to use it.

I also need to ask you to make sure your child has a PE kit in school.



Extra support for Year 3-6 pupils. We are again providing additional support to some pupils in year groups 3-6. Funding has been provided to help us run extra classes each Tuesday and a daily homework club during the term for some pupils. Mrs Hart is co-ordinating the scheme and will be sending out letters to the children concerned. If your child is involved I would strongly ask you to encourage their attendance. This is a way that we can raise their own individual achievement and continue to raise standards in our school.



Family Talk. We have also been fortunate to obtain funding to run a family talk programme during the Spring Term aimed at some pupils in Mrs Cobb's and Miss Roper's classes. Family Talk is a programme for pupils and their parents aimed at developing children's speech through a range of activities based around a themed 'play-sack'.

The programme runs on Tuesday afternoons from 28th January for 8 weeks

Mrs Cobb will be contacting the parents of children involved and I would again ask you to join in if asked. A crèche facility is being made available.



Diary Dates. Please would you note the following dates.

Saturday 25th January – 12pm. The Grand Opening of the Littlemoor Community Centre following its major refurbishment.

Thursday 6th February 3.00 – 7.00pm. Parent Consultations, which provide the opportunity to find out how your child is doing at school and raise any concerns about their learning.

Tuesday 11th March. World Book Day and the start of Readathon. The day pupils and staff dress up as book characters and enjoy a host of reading activity, fun and games. Pupils also take part in reading activity during the week to raise money for Children's cancer charities.

Thursday 27th March- 2.30pm Governors Annual General Meeting for parents.

Thursday 10th April – 9.00am. Easter Service in the School Hall.



Finally. We recently received a letter from UNICEF thanking us for our donation from the silver collection we had at the end of the Infant Christmas performances and the Junior Carol Concert. The money will be spent on providing villages in poorer countries with clean water or go towards providing children with some basic medical supplies.

Regards

Leslie Strong Head Teacher

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