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Newsletter – January 2019

Happy New Year

Welcome back to school and we wish everyone a happy and fruitful new year.

A New Year's Resolution

The new year is a time when many of us make a resolution to improve something for the better. This year we would like the children to make a resolution in the following areas.

Attendance

Many children challenge themselves to achieve the highest possible attendance throughout the year and we are continually impressed with the number of children who achieve 100% attendance. Therefore, we extend this challenge to all children to see if they can achieve 100% attendance in school and ensure that they make a prompt start (8.55am) to the school day.

Next week (Monday 14th Jan – Friday 18th Jan) we will have our Attendance and Prompt Start Challenge Week for all classes

School Uniform

As you are aware we place a strong emphasis on all our children wearing our school uniform appropriately as we believe it endorses the high standards we wish to instil in the children. Therefore, we urge you to maintain our school uniform by wearing the jumper/cardigan with our school emblem, school tie and sensible black footwear (not boots or trainers). Children must not wear jewellery (ie ear rings, ear studs, rings and bracelets) other than watches. Long hair must be tied back with hair bands (not scarves or flowers) in the appropriate school colours of blue, white or black.

Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

Parents' Evening

The next Parents' Evening will take place after school on Thursday 24th January (a letter will be sent home soon). The children in years 1-6 will receive their termly targets the following day so this is an invaluable opportunity to discuss them with their class teacher.

ELF RUN

Thank you for your fantastic donations to the Sponsored Elf Run that took place in December. You managed to raise a staggering £2002.17 for this worthy cause. Thank you so much for your support.

Geography **Local School Nature Grant**

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a Local School Nature Grant, thanks to players of the People's Postcode Lottery. Our school will be receiving an insect study centre and a wildlife kit, including an RSPB Hedgehog home, hedgehog feeding bowl and food, an RSPB garden wildlife camera, an illuminated mini beast centre, a Dewdrop bee home, an RSPB Classic Apex nest box, a ceramic petal feeder and a wildlife education poster pack. In addition, staff will receive training to help children use this equipment and learn outdoors. Pupils from the Year 4 Eco Team played an important role in applying for the grant and selecting equipment that they felt would benefit their peers. Well done to all involved!

Apple Class

Apple Class are looking for volunteers to help with reading and playing games. Any afternoon except Wednesday. If any parents or grandparents have the time we would be very grateful!

Thank you

Mr G H McKeivitt
Headteacher