



Autumn term 2018

December 14<sup>th</sup> 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### Update

**EYFS** – our youngest children performed ‘A Nursery Rhyme Nativity’ on Wednesday and Thursday this week. They sang beautifully, performed wonderfully and helped us get in the Christmas spirit. They did such a good job to learn all the new words to some songs that are familiar to us.

**KS1** – on Monday and Tuesday our infant children kicked off Lakenheath Christmas celebrations with a fantastic rendition of ‘It’s a Baby’. They were word perfect and sang their hearts out. I’m sure we will be humming the tunes for a good while yet.

**Y3/4** – on Wednesday and Thursday our Y4 children headed off on their residential to Burwell House. They had a fabulous few days and were a real credit to the school. They behaved really well and were even asleep the right side of midnight this year! The children recorded their news reports and took part in some outdoor activities and games. While they were away Y3 had a Forest School taster day and really threw themselves into it – building shelters, hunting for bugs, identifying trees, playing games and drinking hot chocolate.

I have been really proud of all the children this term, especially their improved attitudes towards learning.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our staff, who go above and beyond to make sure our children have a wide and varied school experience including trips, performances, Christmas activities and more. THANK YOU!

Well done to our children for making sure they are in school on time and ready for their learning. There are a few children arriving late on a frequent basis, please make sure that they are arriving in time to go in to school between 8:40am and 8:45am so that learning can start promptly at 8:50am.

Our current attendance is at 95.9% which is very close to our 96% goal!

### Christmas Reminders

On **Monday** the choir will be singing in assembly – parents are invited in to watch their children if they are a member to the choir.

On **Tuesday**, KS2 will be walking to the church for their Christmas service – this is a school only event. We do not require specific permission for this as you completed the general permission at the start of the year. If this was not completed please contact the office.

On **Wednesday**, we have Christmas Jumper Day and our Christmas lunch. Please bring in donations for ‘Save the Children’.

### Reminders for next term

**Jewellery** – we have noticed an increased number of children wearing hooped earrings. Only stud earrings should be worn in school as hoops can get caught and we do not want injuries to occur. Earrings should be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons – if they cannot be removed children must tape their ears. In the case of young children these should be taped at home before school.

**Uniform** – all children will need to have a coat in school for the Spring Term. When it is cold, they will need to go out to break or lunch wearing their coat. If they get hot playing games they are allowed to remove them. Children should be wearing black shoes or boots – no trainers please.

**'Tuck' Shop** – EATS provide a healthy tuckshop at breaktimes. They sell popcorn, raisins, grapes, chocolate and strawberry milk, juices. They cost between 20p and 60p. Children can buy up to two items each day.

**Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium Grant** – if you believe you could be eligible for free school meals please apply on line. If it goes through, there is money made available to school which benefits your child's school experience. For more information please contact the school office or Mrs Fox.

### Thanks

Thank you to all our EYFS and KS1 parents/ carers for supporting the Christmas performances with costumes, line rehearsing and attending. Thank you also for respecting the need to safeguard all our children by not filming or photographing the performance. We hope you all managed to take photos at the end. I was so proud of all the children – they were all superstars!

### And finally...

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful holiday. We look forward to seeing all the children back at school on Thursday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019.



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