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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to everyone!



It was lovely to welcome the children back on Wednesday – everyone looked refreshed and ready for learning. Please can we just ensure that all pupils are dressed in the correct school uniform every day. This week, we have seen lots of children wearing trainers instead of their school shoes.

Our first week back has ended on a real high with two extra-special letters arriving on my desk. The first is a beautiful card from King Charles, which we will display in the school library. Last term, the children in Wisteria class wrote a class letter to the new King. He replied with, "It was so very kind of you to send me such a wonderfully generous message following the death of my beloved mother. Your most thoughtful words are enormously comforting, and I cannot tell you how deeply they are appreciated at this time of immense sorrow." All of Wisteria class were incredibly excited when Miss Hipgrave shared the special card with them.

In addition, we also received a letter from Laura Farris, our member of Parliament for Newbury. She read about our new community library launch in the Newbury Weekly News and wanted to send her congratulations. She wrote, "I think the community library is an excellent idea and I hope that it helps encourage parents and pupils to read for enjoyment as well as learn something new. Please pass my thanks to the staff and volunteers that make the community library at Speenhamland School a success."

I look forward to the new term and seeing what incredible things our children achieve next.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



ABSENCE

If your child is unable to attend school due to sickness, please call the office and leave a voicemail message on the absence line,

clearly stating your child's name, class and what the symptoms are eg flu.

If your child has a sickness bug, they need to remain at home until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

Finally, please remember that children need to be in school by **8.30 am** to avoid a late mark and missing vital learning.

PE KITS

PE kits need to be brought in to school every Monday and then taken home on Friday for washing.

READING BOOKS

Reading books need to be brought in to school every day.

Many thanks

Y5 Kingswood Presentation

We are looking forward to seeing our current Y5 parents

next **Wednesday 11th January at 6 pm** in the School Hall.

There will be lots of important information about this excellent and exciting residential.



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Message from our New SENDCo

I am Mrs Graham the new SENDCo and would like to say a quick hello.

I have been a SENDCo for 7 years and have taught all year groups in my 11 years of teaching. I have already met many of you in the playground at pick up time, which has been great and I can't wait to meet more parents and children as the half term progresses.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office, or catch me on the playground, if you would like to set up a meeting or have any other issues.

You have all been so welcoming and I already feel a part of the Speenhamland family.



HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Azul 187

2nd Laal 163

3rd Zolty 134

4th Verde 120

Congratulations to Azul!

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 95.52%

Our target attendance is 97%, so nearly there!

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

West Berkshire Autism Team are running some meetings and workshops this term for parents of children with autism.

If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Graham, our new SENDCo.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please click on the link below to quickly and easily find out if you are entitled to free school meals.

<https://citizen.westberks.gov.uk/article/36469/Apply-for-Free-School-Meals>



Term Dates 2022/23

TERM DATES

Spring Term

Term 3 04-01-23 to 09-02-23

Half Term 13-02-23 to 17-02-23

Term 4 20-02-23 to 30-03-23 12 noon

Summer Term

Term 5 17-04-23 to 26-05-23

Half Term 29-05-22 to 02-06-23

Term 6 05-06-23 to 21-07-23 12 noon

Staff Training:

05-12-22, 03-01-23, 10-02-23, 31-03-23 and 23-06-23