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new year
new beginnings



WE ASPIRE

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The Christmas holidays was a busy time with regards to school building improvements. We had all our hall lights replaced and the school site has been prepared for our new building project to commence. The old Early Years classroom is going to be transformed into an exciting learning area for our Keevill unit, providing them with much-needed additional space. We will keep you updated on the progress but it is hoped everything will be finished by Easter.

The children have returned to school happy and healthy, ready to start a new term. Our assembly on Wednesday touched on New Year's resolutions and provided the children with the opportunity to reflect on the next year ahead and think about what they wanted to achieve. As a school, we want to continue to embed our school vision – we aspire, we challenge, we support – and think about how, with determination and positivity, we can achieve anything we put our minds to.

We are happy to report that our attendance has once again increased and we have seen a significant decline in Covid cases. Whilst we are maintaining some of our current measures, such as staff and parents wearing masks around the school site, we have relaxed the class bubbles. This enables us to deliver the full teaching programme, commence extra-curricular clubs and operate Dragon Club once again. We will of course monitor cases closely and re-introduce additional measures if we experience high numbers. Once again, we would like to extend our thanks to all of you for your support and understanding in those last few weeks before Christmas.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



Firefly Launch to Parents

After receiving your login details, we hope many of you have already managed to navigate yourself onto the Firefly website.

We hope the information we have provided there for parents as well as the shortcuts to our apps, is useful.

If you experience any issues using Firefly, please contact either your child's class teacher or the office, so we can offer support.

Similarly, if you feel there is any information or forms missing which would be useful, please let us know.

Clubs

Club sign up forms will go out on **Monday 10th January** and will be live from **6pm onwards**.

Clubs lists will close on **Wednesday 12th January at 4pm**.

Your child will bring home a letter confirming the clubs that they have been allocated.

Clubs will start **w/c 17th January**

Hot meals

With the colder weather, please remember there is the option to order a range of delicious hot meals via Parent Pay.

If you think your financial situation may entitle your child to free school meals, please click on the link below to quickly find out:

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

If your child currently enjoys school dinners, please can you ensure they are ordered every morning by 8 am.

Towards the end of last term, and the beginning of this one, we are still seeing a significant number of children forgetting to order, which puts additional pressure on our kitchen staff.

HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Laal 95

2nd Zolty 87

3rd Verde 80

4th Azul 76

Congratulations Laal!

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