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Dear parents,

6th January 2017

Happy New Year and welcome back! Christmas seems a long time ago now but I hope you all had a good holiday.

Spring Term

It's going to be another busy term ahead with our Acorns exploring the world of dinosaurs, while the other classes take a tour around the world comparing places and lifestyles. Beech and Lime are planning a trip to find out more about rainforests and Oak Class would welcome some help from parents who have lived in or were born in other European countries to help with their topic. Much as Willow Class would like a trip to the Grand Canyon, I don't think the budget will stretch that far so some virtual travelling is in store instead!

Later in the term we've got Book Week followed by a topic display and the Easter Service to look forward to.

You will have already received or will be receiving your class newsletter over the next few days.

Pupil Progress Reports: Beech, Lime, Oak and Willow

As a summary of the Autumn Term, there is a snapshot report available for you on-line which shows your child's progress since they started in the school, their progress this year, their attainment and their attendance. This can be accessed through the username and password sent home today in your child's book bag. If you have any problems logging on, please let us know.

I hope the information is useful to you but if there is anything you would like to discuss further, please do speak to your child's teacher.

Providing regular snapshots of each child's progress was a challenge last year while we changed over to the new assessment system and teachers got to grips with new ways of recording and tracking assessments. Our aim this year is to alternate the two parents' evenings and the full annual report with termly snapshot reports to keep you updated about your child's progress as often as possible.

Pupil progress is measured in a very different way during the Foundation Stage in Acorn Class. Miss Hunt is happy to speak to Acorn parents about how we do this and how well your child is doing, but we cannot provide a similar on-line snapshot report for Acorn pupils.

Respect

Our value for this term is respect. In our whole school and class assemblies we will be thinking about:

- Self-respect - celebrating our gifts and talents; looking after ourselves; nurturing the best we can be; being confident about who we are; earning the respect of others

- Respect for parents and carers - honouring mum and dad or those who care for us; helping at home; appreciating what's done for us; cooperation not conflict; taking responsibility
- Respect for those in authority - working with our elected representatives; cooperating with police, teachers and those who work for our safety in different ways; being prepared to listen and learn from others who have experience
- Respect for others - everyone is special; everyone's opinion matters; everyone's contribution is important; everyone's feelings should be considered; everyone's faith is sacred
- Respecting the environment - green issues

We will be rewarding children who show respect with house points and Golden Moments.

Free Guitar!

Mrs Chase has a guitar looking for a new home. If you are interested please let Mrs Ackland or Mrs Chase know.

Spring Term dates for your diary:

Friday 6th January	2.30pm Year 6 Yenworthy Assembly
Tuesday 10 th January	Fire Service to talk to Years 3,4,5 and 6
Wednesday 11 th January	Athletics at Wheatley Park School
Friday 13 th January	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 17 th January	3.15pm Wind Instrument lessons meeting
Friday 20th January	Music Assembly Rehearsal – <u>No</u> Family Assembly
Friday 27 th January	Music Assembly <u>2.30pm</u>
Friday 3rd February	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 7 th February	Year 6 IMPS trip
Friday 10 th February	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Half Term	13 th Feb – 17 th Feb
Friday 24 th February	Family Assembly 2.45pm
27 th Feb – 2 nd March	Book Week
Tuesday 28 th February	Author Visit
Tuesday 28 th February	Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm
Wednesday 1 st March	Parents' Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thursday 2nd March	Dress up as favourite book character
Friday 3 th March	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Monday 6 th March	Junior Citizens Year 6 trip
Tuesday 7 th March	Class Photos
Friday 10 th March	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 17 th March	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 24 th March	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 31 st March	No Family Assembly
Monday 3 rd April	Topic Display 3.15pm
Tuesday 4 th April	Topic Display 9am
Friday 7 th April	9.15am Easter Service
Friday 7 th April	School Closes at 1.30pm
Easter Holidays	10 th April – 21 st April

Summer Term:

INSET

School Reopens

Key Stage 2 SATs Tests

Key Stage 1 SATs Tests

Half Term

School Closes

Monday 24th April

Tuesday 25th April

8th May – 12th May

22nd May – 26th May

29th May – 2rd June

Friday 21st July

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman
Head Teacher