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Wednesday 9th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all our families! I hope that you all had relaxing and stress free holidays; usually I speak to some parents at this time of year that couldn't wait to get back to work! In assembly yesterday I talked about how this usually is my favourite term as I feel that this is the time when the majority of the learning takes place! I'm looking forward to seeing what's going on in lessons when I pop in. We also talked about our new value of the term which is Forgiveness. We talked about the meaning of the quote from Desmond Tutu below. If you get a chance, have a chat to your children about what they think he's trying to say!

**Without forgiveness, there's no future.
Desmond Tutu**

I'd also like to take the opportunity to welcome Mrs Bailey back to school. She is currently completing a phased return and will be back with us full time as our Deputy Headteacher after the February half term break.

Safeguarding

I'd like to thank you all for your patience and understanding whilst we improve the safeguarding of our school. Nothing is more important than the wellbeing of the children we work with and the school will continue to ensure that we have the highest possible standards in that area.

The playground entrance will remain open until 9:05am. After that children will need to make their way around to the office entrance.

Parking at pickup/drop off times

In December the school office received a number of complaints regarding parking outside the school at peak times. Can all drivers please consider the safety of everyone in the community and park sensibly.

Our first family assembly of the term takes place on Monday 21st January at 9:05am.

Many Thanks
Scott Lewis
Interim Acting Head Teacher

Diary Dates

Swimming starts for Years 4&5	Monday 14 th January
Swimming Gala (Year 5&6)	Thursday 17 th January
Dinosaur workshop (Acorns)	Friday 18 th January
Music for Schools Parents meeting	Thursday 31 st January
Foundation Vision Screening	Wednesday 6 th February
KS2 SATs parents meeting	Thursday 14 th February 3:15pm
Parents evening	4 th -5 th March
Book week	4 th -8 th March
World Book day	Thursday 7 th March
Class photos	Friday 8 th March
Junior Citizens	Tuesday 12 th March am (Year 6)
Red Nose Day	Friday 15 th March
Topic display	Monday 1 st April
Easter Service	Thursday 4 th April