



Dear Parents,

We would like to say a Happy New Year to you all and hope you had an enjoyable time over Christmas. We welcome you into our exciting Spring term. We would like to express our appreciation once again for all of the wonderful cards and gifts we received at Christmas time, we were truly spoilt! We are all looking forward to our afternoon tea treat.

We say thank you to Oliver and Jack Maye for looking after our class hamster, Pixie during the Christmas break. We see that Pixie was also very lucky at Christmas as she received some new toys and a delicious treat stick! Don't forget if you would like to look after Pixie the hamster for the weekend, just let a staff member know.



Next week we will be focusing on stories which have repeated phrases and taking a look at sequencing. We start with a much loved favourite, The Very Hungry Caterpillar! and a story from our suggested reading list, Stick Man. We have already started to decorate the family tree and we are looking forward to experiencing a Winter walk around the school grounds in search of our very own stick families.



We would like to say a warm welcome to our new parents and children who have joined Kindergarten this term. Next week we begin our 'stay and play' sessions for K2 parents, starting with Miss Lucy's key group. Then Mrs Sue will be collecting appointments next for the following week commencing Monday 23rd January. Our 'stay and play' sessions are a great opportunity to gain an insight to our Kindergarten day and share in your child's learning.

The children have been very excited to see their first glimpse of snow, but very sad that it is not enough for a snowman yet! We will endeavour to keep a track of the children's hats, scarves and mittens so please help us by labelling them. We also seem to have an abundance of unclaimed mittens! If your child seems to be missing their mittens please ask a member of staff.

A few notes, requests/reminders:

- We have been helping the children to put their school coats independently and would like for you to help us at home. Please allow your child to take some extra time at home to practice putting on their coat using the Montessori way. If you are unsure of this method please come in and ask your child's Key worker.
- Visits to the school library have resumed this week. Please check if you have any outstanding books at home.
- Please return your child's P.E. kit back to school.
- Our new topic is People Who Help Us. If you have any photographs, books or objects about this subject, we would love to share them at show and tell time.

Dates and Events:

- **Week commencing Monday 16th January – After School Clubs start. (Fundamentals/Melody Bear).**
- **Monday 16th January onwards – 'Stay and Play' sessions for K2 parents.**
- **Thursday 19th January – Tiny Mites music and movement session.**
- **Monday 30th January – Chinese New Year (Year of the rooster).**
- **Friday 10th February – Kindergarten last day before half term.**
- **Monday 13th – Friday 17th February 2017 (inclusive) - Half Term. Children to return to school from Monday 20th February 2017.**



Kind regards,
Miss Jill and the Kindergarten team.