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Common Road Infant and Nursery School

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Dear parents/carers,

I would like to start by wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break with your family, I know we certainly did. I was thinking about you all during the Christmas break! Posey and I were lucky enough to be invited to a very special wedding on New Year's Eve in London! Here we are all dressed up ready….

In school we have another packed half term of learning planned keep your eyes peeled next week for the class teacher newsletters that will tell you more about what your child is learning. Attached to this letter are the diary dates for the spring term. Please keep these safe!

Volunteers

In school we aim to hear all children read three times a week and children who need extra support read every day. We would love to encourage any parents, grandparents, carers to come and join us in school and listen to the children read. If this is something you would be interested in please speak to your child's class teacher.

Christmas book

We hope all the children enjoyed their Christmas gift from school which was a Christmas book. For reception children this will be the second book they have received from school this year. We hope that this book has joined the one given in September in your homemade book treasure chest you made with your child in September. Keep your eyes peeled for another addition at the end of the spring term.

PE teaching

This year all children will receive coaching in the following three sports cricket, dance and football.

Please can children come in their PE kit this needs to be (weather dependent) a track suit top/bottoms with black/navy shorts underneath, white t shirt and a pair of trainers or pumps that fit. Long hair will need to be tied back and jewellery will need to be removed and earrings covered.

PE days are as follows:

Reception –Wednesday/Thursday ***Year 1 – Monday/Thursday*** ***Year 2 – Tuesday/ Thursday***

We are really proud of our PE offer and we continue to offer one sporting after school club each term alongside participating in a number of competitive sporting events. Last term this included multi-skills and football. Thank you to Miss Brown for leading this subject so well.

Parking

I just want to remind everyone that we all need to work together as a community to keep our children safe. As Headteacher I have a duty of care to ensure that when on the school site all children are safe, the school site is everything inside and including the green gates. Once again I would like to remind parents that the land beyond the fence and smaller visitor car park is Wakefield Council land and as a school we have no jurisdiction over this.

This is the reason the school car park is closed to allow pedestrians to walk across the site safely. Please take extra care when dropping children at breakfast club as at this time the gates are open and there may be moving vehicles at this time. I would ask where possible parents walk their children to school to avoid congestion or park on Broad Lane and use the pedestrian footpath to school. I have contacted our PCSO team to come and do a parking drop-in this month and speak to parents about parking on the drive.

Happy retirement Brenda!

Today our much-loved Crossing Patroller (Lollipop Lady) Brenda retires after 40 years of dedicated service to our school. Before Christmas we celebrated in school with Brenda and her family. Today I hope you all managed to say goodbye to Brenda and wish her well.

A message from Brenda

I would like to thank all staff, parents and children for a wonderful surprise assembly and presentation of retirement gifts. I have enjoyed my 40 years as Lollipop Lady and will miss the staff, parents and children.

Once again, a big thank you. ***Brenda***

After school clubs

Alongside this newsletter you will have received a copy of our after school club offer for the spring term (until Easter) this term we are offering doodle, mindfulness and rugby clubs all for free. Thank you to the teachers and support staff who are delivering these clubs this term for free for children and families. Hopefully there is something for everyone in our after school offer. Please return your forms as soon as possible.

Keeping up to date… Don't forget to follow us on Facebook or Twitter or take a look at our school website if you would like to find out more information about our school or to see what we have been busy learning. Notifications will also be made available on the school's social media pages e.g. snow closures etc

I am very much looking forward working with you all this term to give our children the very best education.

Yours sincerely,

Danielle Edwards – Headteacher