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Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term. I trust you all had a happy festive season and hope you managed to stay healthy. Hopefully these winter bugs that we are experiencing will pass soon.

We have had a great start to the new term with our school open day. We hope you are enjoying the updates and posts on the school website and Facebook page. At this time of year, all schools are trying to attract new pupils and it is vitally important that publicity about schools is positive. So please, share the news about all the great things that go on in school.

Share the news about the children being happy in school. Share the news about the great days out we have had. Share the news about the equipment that we are having installed in the garden at the back of the school. Did you see our children out flying kites this week? We were making the most of the windy weather to improve our coordination skills and upper body strength as well as learning about the power of the wind and working in teams. Please support our school by sharing the positive messages.

We have a brilliant team of experienced and dedicated staff who will always have the needs of the child as their priority. We have a fantastic parent support team in our PFA who have organised great events this year with many more planned in for the next term.

We will be adding lots of photos and videos to our social media page over the next few weeks to get the message across. A huge thank you to those of you who have already started to share the message and put out messages of support for the school. Please share our posts to get the word out. We want all the children in the village to attend their local school.

We are so lucky to have a great school like this, we need to share our pride in our school.

A message for Foundation stage parents.

We are delighted with how well our Foundation Stage pupils have settled into school. We now ask that children are left at the blue gates in the morning and are encouraged to walk around to class independently. This will enable us to let the other children in school use the outdoor areas earlier in the day and will support our youngest children in becoming more independent. Obviously, if your child needs support in the morning, we will work with you but if possible, please try to encourage them to come into class independently.

Cost Of Living Crisis

Are you starting to feel the pinch? I know we are. Over the next few weeks, we will be working within our local networks to see if there is any small way in which we can help. To start with, we will be reducing the price of our After School Care and clubs from £4 per hour to £2 per hour. A new club menu will be coming out shortly to let you know the activities that are on offer. Your child will benefit from a snack and a warm safe space if they attend. Please make use of the facility so that we can keep it running.

Coming up this term.

20th Jan – 7aside football tournament

- Sustrans puncture repair event 11am-3pm

23rd Jan – School Council popcorn party

25th Jan – P7 class assembly for their parents 27th Jan – School council hats and headbands day.

Bring £1 to wear fancy headgear to school.

1st Feb – P7 parent appointments

3rd Feb – NSPCC Number Day, Shared Education Spelling Bee, PFA Book Sale (2pm-4pm)

6th Feb – P7 parent appointments contd.

P6 parents transition to post primary planning meeting 9am

8th Feb – Safer internet day

- Library bus at school

9th Feb – P6 and P7 class trips

10th Feb – Healthy Hearts parent assembly

- School council non uniform day
- 3pm-4pm PFA half term disco

13th Feb –School closed to pupils for half term As always, keep an eye on the website for updates as new dates and events may be organised and further information on each event will appear there as we get things planned.

We hope you enjoy this half term.