

Monday 15th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

A slightly belated Happy New Year to you all! We have hit the ground running this term with workshops already about to take place and trips being booked. It is a shorter than average term so there is always a lot to pack in. Here are the notices:

Maple

The children may have already told you that they have seen a dog around school. Maple will, ultimately, become a reading dog and has been spending some time in school to familiarise herself with the sights and sounds of a busy primary school. This is a proven strategy for improving the reading of less confident readers and I can direct you to articles online should you wish to find out more.

As with all dogs, she must be carried on the playground unless visiting a classroom. She is not yet at this stage.

A policy has been written to ensure the welfare of both Maple and the children and staff are looked after; this will be presented to the Governing Body for the next FGB.

PE

Please can you remember to send your children to school with their PE kit on their day if they are not leaving their kit at school. (Monday – Oak, Tuesday – Willow, Wednesday – Buds, Thursday – Saplings)

We have secured cover for Oak and Willow PE and Mrs Robson started officially with us today.

Tissues

In my last newsletter, I forgot to say a BIG thank you to everyone who sent in boxes of tissues during the Autumn Term. It made a massive difference to our spending during the term and at the risk of being cheeky, wonder if people might once again send a box in if they can spare it. I should issue a special thank you to Mr Stevenson for the tissues he collected from the cash and carry.

Clothes

We do ask that ALL children bring a coat in to school EVERY day. This is especially important at this time of year when the weather can change within an hour. We do always try to take the children out at break times unless there is heavy rain but they do need to be wearing a coat in a light drizzle.

Lockdown

It is now a requirement that schools have a lockdown procedure in addition to an evacuation one. We had our first run through of one just before Christmas and they will now become termly just as the fire evacuation drills already are.

Term dates

Here are a reminder of some dates that are already in the diary. You will, of course, be informed of new ones should they arise.

29 – 31.01.18 **Bikeability**
06.02.18 **Safer Internet Day**
09.02.18 **Celebration Assembly and Poetry Recital**
09.02.18 **Term 3 Ends**

Best wishes,

Leslie Hawkins