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Dear Parents and Carers

A very Happy New Year to everyone. The children have settled back into school very well this week, refreshed and ready to learn. The teachers are sending out their termly class letters and topic webs today so you will be able to see what they are planning for the children’s learning this term.

This week the school council have helped to launch a competition linked to our aims and values. Children and staff worked hard last term to help make our aims and values more memorable as you will see in the attached letter and poster. I hope that as many children as possible are able to take part in the competition – children can work independently or with siblings or friends; their designs can be drawn, painted, produced with ICT; designs can be A3, A4 or A5. All entries will be put on display for children, staff and families to admire and judge.

**Handwriting awards**

Medals and certificates for excellent handwriting were given out on the last day of term. We are delighted to be able to let you know that Mia was the overall winner in Key Stage 1 and Emma H in Key Stage 2. Runners-up in Key Stage 1 were Lily, Courtney,Teddy, Ella M, James A, Jasper, Anna. Runners-up in Key Stage 2 were Kirsty, Keighan, Alex, Daisy, Jack, Tom, Isla, Emily, Emma F, Thomas.

**Table Tennis Table**

The new table tennis table has arrived in the Key Stage 2 playground and is proving to be very popular. We would like to thank Mrs Davidson for approaching The Stansted Fund and receiving £1000 and to everyone who supported our sponsored walk last summer for funding this resource and for Year 5 children for organising the bats and balls.

**First Aid Training for Children**

We are very excited that next week, to support our new topic of 'Healthy Me, Healthy You, Healthy Us', we will be starting our whole school First Aid training. All children from Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in 3 First Aid workshops. These sessions introduce a fun programme which provides children with essential life skills and the confidence to be able to summon help in an emergency. We are very excited and are sure the children will get a great deal from the experience. We want to thank FODS as all of their hard work has funded the training.

**After-school clubs**

**Art club** – starts again next week, Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th January.

**Stage dance club** – starts again on Monday 21st January.

**Multisports** – for KS2 children this term starts on Wednesday 16th January.

**Orchestra** – starts on Monday 14th January, 3.30-4.00 pm. If anyone else would like to join, please do email the office. All welcome!

**Census Day – Pupil Premium Funding - Thursday 17th January**

Next Thursday is census day for schools. This is when the government collects different pieces of information from all schools. An important piece of information they will be collecting is the take-up of the free school meals in KS1. **Some of our school funding is based on this information.**

With this in mind, we are asking that every child in Reception and KS1 has a hot school dinner on **Thursday 17th January to try - they can also bring a**

**packed lunch if they normally do.** It really makes a difference and means we won’t have to pay back any of our allocated funds.

The government will also be counting the number of children who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding. If you are receiving any of the eligible benefits listed on the [free school meals](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-%26-learning/help-with-school-%26-learning-costs/free-school-meals/) page, you can apply for free school meals and allow your school to receive Pupil Premium funding. The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools to help raise the attainment of pupils. It is paid to schools according to the number of pupils who have been registered as eligible.

Please follow this link for information about the simple application process:

[https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-&-learning/help-with-school-&-learning-costs/pupil-premium/](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-%26-learning/help-with-school-%26-learning-costs/pupil-premium/)

We urge you apply even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 and receives a free meal anyway. All children who apply successfully for Pupil Premium funding in 2019 will receive a free school jumper/cardigan.

**Reception 2019 – deadline Tuesday 15 January 2019**If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, they are due to transfer to primary school in September 2019 and you must have applied for a school place by 15 January 2019. Please note there is **no** automatic transfer from nursery to Reception. Applications should be made online at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions).

As we start the new year, it is a good opportunity to send out a few reminders.

**Fitbits etc**. - We are asking that children don’t come into school wearing expensive wrist gadgets like fitbits or large multi functional watches. We can’t guarantee they won’t get lost or damaged and that would be very disappointing for their proud new owners. They can also be a distraction during lessons.

**Toys/things from home** – Please do not let your child bring in toys etc from home for the same reason, we can’t guarantee they won’t get lost or broken. They can also cause disputes at playtimes.

**Hair** – Please can hair be tied back at all times as this helps prevent the spread of headlice.

**Meet the Senior Leadership Team**

In the parent questionnaire last term, several people requested an opportunity to meet with me. I am always available for individual meetings if you have something specific regarding your child that you would like to discuss – appointments can be made via the Office. There will also be an opportunity to meet me and the deputy head teachers to discuss any general questions you may have. We will be able to talk about our aims and values as well as our review of the positive behaviour management policy. This will take place on Wednesday 30th January at 2.45pm – more details to follow.

**Sunday Church Service at Duxford Primary School**

This Sunday – 13th January – Petra will be holding the church service here at school at 10am. I hope to see you here.

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Blackburne-Maze
*Headteacher*

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| **Lunches for week beginning Monday 14th January**

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|  | **Red Option** | **Green Option (usually Vegetarian)** | **Blue Option****(Light bite)** |
| **Monday** | Ham Pizza | Cheese and tomato Pizza | Cheese roll with salad |
| **Tuesday** | Beef bolognaise | Quorn bolognaise | Ham wrap with salad |
| **Wednesday** | Roast Pork | Quorn sausage | Egg and cress roll with salad |
| **Thursday** | Sausage | Quorn sausage | Ham and cheese baguette |
| **Friday** | Battered fingers | Cheese and tomato pinwheel | BLT sandwich |

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***Diary Dates***

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| Monday 14 January | Reception vision screening |
| Wednesday 16th January | 8.50 – 9.10am Reception Snuggle with a story |
| Thursday 17 January | Dental survey |
| Wednesday 30th January | 2.45pm Meet the SLT |
| Thursday 31st January | 2.50 – 3.10pm Reception Snuggle with a story |
| Wednesday 6th February | Y2 Maths cafe |
| Friday 8 February | School disco |
| Wednesday 13 February | Yr6 Maths Cafe |
| Wednesday13th February | 8.50 – 9.10am Reception Snuggle with a story |
| Friday 15 February | Winter Sports day – in school event. Children just need a PE kit. |
| Monday 18 to Friday 24 February | Half-term |
| Monday 4 – Friday 8 March | Yr6 Bikeability |
| Friday 15 March | Comic relief, Word Book Day Celebration |
| Tuesday 26th March | 9.30 – 10.30am KS2 Production |
| Thursday 28th March | 6.00 – 7.00pm KS2 Production |
| Tuesday 2 April | Yr6 and Reception weighing and measuring |
| Friday 5 April | Spring term closes |
| Tuesday 23 April | Training Day |
| Wednesday 24th April | Summer term starts |
| Monday 6th May | May Day |
| Monday 27 to Friday 31 May | Half-term |
| Monday 3 June | Training Day |
| Wednesday 24 July | Summer term closes |
| Wednesday 4th September | Autumn term starts. |
| Monday 19th – Friday 25th October | Half-term |
| Wednesday 18th December | Autumn term closes |