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Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2024. May it bring you all health, wonder and contentment.

Here are a few notes to start term, as usual we will send most information in the weekly newsletters.

Snow

The main reason for sending this letter this week is the snow warning next week!

If it snows overnight: we will make a decision by 8am, only if we decided to close then we post a notice through MMC and call everyone due to attend, after 8am. No news by 8.30am means we are planning to open.

If it snows during the day so much that we need to close early: we will call all parents of attending children, or their nominated contacts, and expect a collection within 30 minutes. Please check your details on MMC are up-to-date.

Teachers need safe travel and come from as far away as south London and near Cambridge.

There are no refunds for closure due to snow as we can't control it and we don't make any savings.

Parents evening : Tuesday 13th February

During this term we are able to have use of the hall for an evening and we use that opportunity to invite you in for a chat, without small people in attendance. Please make the most of the chance.

Each colour group will offer the parents of each child a ten-minute slot. We will post sign-up sheets at Artisans on Monday 15th January. The ONLY way to book a slot is by signing the sheet in person (you may wish to ask a friend). Slots are between 5pm and 8pm, with blue group offering 5.30- 8.30pm. More details will follow.

Topic

Our topic this half term is Nursery Rhymes. We are still hoping some of you will come and play, act, draw some with us? Lots of evidence shows Nursery rhymes support language development; vital for happiness and success in the little lives we nurture. Our inset day was also about language development. Each week this half term I will use the thoughts section of the newsletter to share a sample of what we covered.

Staffing news

We are a tight team who love working together, I hope you feel that. It was a big change in the summer when we said goodbye to Julie and Niki, after literal decades; welcoming Jenny and Anthony in their place has been fun. Julie will be back with us for the last two weeks of this half term as Ruth R is making a visit home to Africa after more than six years without seeing her family.

Clothing

Lastly, please remember the children should arrive in wellies and warm, waterproof coats – every day. Please do not bring any extra shoes or bags. Please make sure all items are named.

Thank you for trusting us with your precious children; we will invest all our energy into helping them flourish.

Take care, Ruth and Team.

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