



"Helping each child flourish"

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Dear families,

Well it certainly has become much colder this week! However, the children have continued to come to school with smiles on their faces and ready to learn. I am pleased to hear and see that the response time is continuing to have a good impact across school, so thank you to all for making the effort to bring the children in those few minutes earlier. Being able to greet families each morning gives me a great chance to catch up and say hello. I am always keen to hear your thoughts on how our school is running, so please do not hesitate to stop and chat!

The children have taken part in many different activities again this week. In Pre-School, the children have had even more brilliant toys bought and I know this has made for some fun games and activities. I have seen that the pirate ship has been an instant hit! Class 1 children had a great time using the PE apparatus in the hall earlier in the week. Seeing the wall bars out was very exciting! Class 2 have begun the difficult job of tackling money this week! Whilst it was a challenge, the children have shown resilience to stick at it and learn new skills. Class 3 have been working incredibly hard on a story that they have developed. I have read some brilliant pieces this week and know that the children are really proud of what they have produced. Finally, Class 4 have also been story writing this week and have used the iPads and laptops to help them publish their work. There were some very impressive results that will now be put on display. Another great week, Team Sleights!

Parents' Evenings

I hope that the parents and families who attended parents' evening found their appointments useful. I was pleased to see so many families join us for tea and biscuits in the hall whilst they looked at their children's work. I am sure you will agree, it was also great to have the governors with us. By getting the chance to meet the governors, I hope that families were able to 'put faces to the names' that they may have heard or seen on letters. I am pleased to report that we received some really positive feedback about this format for parents' evening. Thank you for your support with this.

If you were unable to attend parents' evening, but would like an appointment, please do speak to your child's class teacher. Class 3 parents will receive a letter from Miss Stubbs in the coming weeks to arrange a time to meet her.

Doll's house – a raffle!

We have very kindly been donated a beautiful, handmade wooden doll's house, made by our former caretaker, Mr Steve Riley. The donation has been given to the school to allow us to hold a raffle, with the money being raised from ticket sales being given to Children in Need. Tickets will **only** be on sale on Friday 17th November and will be priced at 50p. The winner will be announced on that afternoon. Please do give generously for this worthy cause. If you would like to have a look at the doll's house, please pop into school.

Coats

As the weather has become colder, please can I urge all parents and families to make sure that their children come to school with a coat. They are also welcome to bring hats, scarves and gloves (however, please make sure that they are named!)

Children in Need

Children are invited to come to school wearing spots for Children in Need on Friday. We are asking for donations of 50p for the charity. Just a reminder that this glow in the dark key rings and wristbands are available for £1 each from the school office. All proceeds will be donated to Children in Need, which this year takes place on Friday 17th November. On the afternoon of the 17th, we will be holding a bake sale in the hall and will be drawing

the raffle of the doll's house. We would be grateful of any donations of cakes that we could sell. Parents will be able to come to buy a cake with their child at 2.45pm.

The following Wednesday, we will be holding a sponsored walk to try and raise some extra money for Children in Need. Look out for sponsor forms and more details next week.

Christmas performances

In order to give families as much notice to arrange any childcare or time from work, I am pleased to be able to give you the dates of our Christmas performances:

- Tuesday 12th December – Class 1, 2 and 3 play (afternoon)
- Wednesday 13th December – Class 1, 2 and 3 play (evening – 6pm)
- Monday 18th December – Pre – School performance (9.30am start, but parents are welcome to view the children's work in the hall and have refreshments before the performance starts)

Parking

After a considerable amount of time, unfortunately, I am now having to remind parents and families that the double yellows outside school should not be used at pick up and drop off times. Such **huge** improvements have been made with this since September and I am disappointed to see that, particularly on an afternoon, this is beginning to slip.

Kids' Club:

Our exciting themes for Kids' Club next week are:

Monday – coloured water making

Tuesday – movie night - Elf

Wednesday – baking night

Thursday – Bubble night

Friday – Alvin and the Chipmunk night.

Just to remind parents that Kids' Club is a brilliant childcare service at very reasonable rates. The club is open to any children from Class 1 to Class 4 and children can go as many times as you like! If you require any more information, please do speak to a member of staff.

Our collective worship theme for next week is: mutual respect and tolerance

Thank you for your continued support.

Scott Grason
Headteacher