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Dear Parents

Parent Consultations

These are next week (Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th January). You should have all received your appointment time earlier this week. If you still wish to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher please contact the school office who hold the lists.

Choir Club

Please note that there will be no choir after school on Monday due to the parent consultations taking place.

Headteacher's Award

I was delighted to award the first Headteacher's awards of the year on Monday in assembly. It was also lovely to see the parents of those children receiving the awards in the assembly. These awards are for children who consistently try their hardest to produce their best work, always behave well and are good role models to others.

The awards went to:

RLEB	Eva Rounce	3SJ	Freddie McCulloch
RND	Archie Ramage	4CJ/AC	Henry Saville
1SH	George Nevill	4RB	Abigail Smith
1LB	Jake Luciani	5NR	Suzy Parker
2NT	Ivy McCarthy	5LO	Isabel He
2BR	Alice Terry	6TH	Thomas Wooddisse
3LW	Lewis Barnett	6BH	Izzy-Mae Murnane

PE Kit

We are noticing that many children do not have PE kit in school and unfortunately, we do not have enough spare kit to cater for the large number of children who ask for it.

We are aware that this may be because children have worn PE kit home after a club or because they have mislaid it in school. We are going to start a new system whereby children will be issued with a slip to bring home the first and second time they do not have a PE kit in school and a phone call will be made the third time.

Children being active is very important and PE is part of the curriculum. At this time of year all children should have a tracksuit bottom and warm top in their PE kits. These should be either plain black or black with the school's logo. We still go outside once a week for outside games unless the conditions are extreme. Whilst PE sessions are set within the timetable these sessions are subject to change due to trips and other events taking place within school so it is important that PE kit is available every day for use.

School funding

Next Thursday every school has to undertake a census which determines the level of funding we receive. This is based on pupils having school meals on that day. Our delicious menu on Thursday is homemade sausage rolls (or Quorn sausage rolls), potato wedges and beans followed by cherry flapjacks. If your child is able to have a lunch on that day the school would really appreciate it as the allocated funding will be going towards your child's education and welfare.

Communications

After the launch of our app last term we would like your views on how we communicate with you across a number of media platforms. Attached is a questionnaire which we would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete. We are striving to improve our communication with you and your comments and views will be gratefully received.

Bikeability Y5

Straight after the Easter holidays we will be offering cycling proficiency lessons (now called Bikeability) to Y5 children. These are free and in school time and provided by qualified instructors from Essex County Council. However, if bikes are not in full working order then children are unable to take part. If you wish to take part please make sure any necessary repairs are undertaken on your child's bike and that they have a cycling helmet. Further information will follow in the coming months.

Class Assemblies

Here are the class assemblies for this term. Please arrive 5 minutes before the assembly time listed to sign in at the office.

Wednesday 17 th January 10.45am	6BH		
Wednesday 24 th January 10.45am	5LO		
Wednesday 31 st January 10.45am	4RB	Thursday 1 st February 2.50pm	2NT
Wednesday 7 th February 10.45am	3LW	Thursday 8 th February 2.50pm	2BR
<i>Half term</i>			
Wednesday 21 st February 10.45am	6TH		
Wednesday 28 th February 10.45am	5NR	Thursday 1 st March 2.45pm	1LB
Wednesday 7 th March 10.45am	4CJ/AC	Thursday 8 th March 2.45pm	1SH
Wednesday 14 th March 10.45am	3SJ		

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a part-time midday hall assistant working 3 days a week. This is a rewarding role getting to know our children and their personalities during the lunch time period. Full details are on the attached information sheet.

'Flu

Whilst 66% of our children were vaccinated in October attached to the newsletter you will find information on clinics being held around the area in case your child missed that 'flu vaccination. There is still time to have a vaccination as the 'flu season lasts until March.

Events

Week commencing Monday 15th January	
Monday 3.30 – 6.30	Parent Consultations
Tuesday	Y1 and Y2 – Owl time
Wednesday 10.45	6BH Class Assembly
Wednesday 5.30 – 8.30	Parent Consultations
Thursday	Y2 Pirate workshop
Friday	Y6 School Journey – instalment no 3 is due

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths