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Dear Parents/Carers,

A quick letter from me as we end our first full week back together again in 2021. It has been lovely to see you all arriving at the school gates each morning and the big smiles on children's faces as they catch up with friends and enjoy the wide range of school activities and experiences together.

We have been so impressed by how quickly classes have settled back into school routines and the expectations and pace of whole class lessons. They are working hard and behaving sensibly: we are really proud of them all!

Thank you to all parents/carers for your fantastic support this week with our procedures, including wearing masks, leaving the premises quickly after drop off/collection, observing the staggered starts/finishes and with our temporary arrangements for finishing early on Fridays; it is very much appreciated by us all and is helping to keep our community safe as we see how the next few weeks unfold on both a local and national level. Could we also ask that all parents/carers continue to observe at least 2 metre distancing and do not gather in groups when waiting to drop off or collect children.

Below you will find some additional information and reminders for the next two weeks of term-

**Our Festive Fun Runs**, which took place in December, raised just over £1000. This will be used to purchase new books for our reading libraries across the school. Thanks so much for your support with this event.



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**Before and After School Club** Our Before and After School Club is now running again as normal. In order to keep bubbles separate, it has been moved temporarily into the hall where we have more room to space groups out and keep them separate. Children are enjoying a range of activities in these sessions and their snacks and refreshment as usual. Please contact the school office if you wish to find out more about this club.

**Forest School** Each class is looking forward to a Forest School afternoon during the next two weeks. These have been planned by our Forest School lead Mrs Newman and will involve a range of activities and time to socialise and enjoy outdoor time with their classmates. Class teachers will let you know the date of this for your child's class and advise on clothing to be worn on these days.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings** Your child's class teacher should have been in touch with you to arrange dates/times for these meetings. Please contact us if you have any questions.

**Parking Near School** As always, can I remind parents/carers to park considerately and safely when dropping off and collecting children. I know this week that we have all been familiarising ourselves with the routines again but from Monday, please give yourself enough time to park a little further away from the school if needed and avoid inconsiderate and/or unsafe parking, particularly parking on corners or blocking footpaths or driveways. Our local PCSOs Mark Lumsden and Rhian Stocks visited school yesterday to discuss this issue and we will work with them in the Summer Term on additional ideas and activities that might support us in this area.

**Ice Cream Van Visit!** In the last week of term, we have arranged for a local ice-cream van to visit school on two afternoons- I told the children about this in the Golden Assembly today and it caused much excitement! They will visit the ice cream van in their classes and choose an ice cream or ice lolly. We are hoping for nice weather so that they can sit on the grass to enjoy these! This will be a well-deserved treat for our children following an unsettled start to the year and a great way to celebrate the start of the Easter holidays. We will make sure the staff get one too!

## Diary Dates

End of Spring Term: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March *Usual early closing time for non-Key Worker pupils*

Return to School: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Have a lovely weekend and as usual, please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns during the coming weeks.

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