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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the Autumn term may I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful and happy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful 2018. Thank you for your support during 2017.

This is such a special time of the year, made even more so with all our festivities in school. The carol service was very special as usual, and the nativity performed by our younger children was outstanding, both events giving us the true message for this time of year.

As part of the festivities I was lucky enough to join our Reception children on their visit to Hatton Country World to meet Santa and feed the animals, they were an absolute joy to be with and really did the school proud with their exemplary behaviour, they have grown so much since joining us in September.

With all the festive preparations, the children have managed very well with all the excitement that Christmas brings, we are very proud of their efforts and the progress they have made in their learning. Well done to the children and to all the staff for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you so much for supporting the children with my tree decoration competition, now in its second year, the tree looks fantastic again and the creativity that has been put into the decorations has been outstanding. We had 25 prizes chosen by the staff and a top 5 selected from these by the ladies in the office. The lucky winner was Sophia in Reception. Congratulations to everyone who took part, everybody was a winner and we had such a wonderfully decorated tree to enjoy!

Well done and thank you to our PTA would have again organised some wonderful events and have raised money to support the children. £870 raised at the Christmas fair alone. Thank you for your support of this and spending some of your hard-earned cash in the process. It is really appreciated. I know the PTA are still looking to strengthen their ranks so please contact us for details and don't be shy!

Spotlight on Attendance I regret to have to inform you that from our last "Spotlight" campaign, three of our families were fined due to their child's poor and unauthorised attendance. The parents were fined as follows - Family 1 £170 including court costs, family 2 £609 including court costs, family 3 (£448 parent 1 and £473 parent 2) total £921 including court costs. We thank all our families who come to school regularly and on time.

There are a few points we would wish to clarify: all holidays taken during term time are recorded as unauthorised absence, the morning register is taken at 8.55 am and a late mark will be given after this time up to 9.10 am, after 9.10 am a code "U" will be recorded which counts as an unauthorised absence.

If your child is too poorly to attend school, please telephone 464 2606 on the first morning followed up by a letter/medical evidence when the pupil returns to school. Please do not email the school with the reason. Wherever possible please provide medical evidence, acceptable forms of medical evidence are appointment cards that show your GP's practice address and the date and time of the appointment or copies of appointment letters from hospital/clinics. Copies of prescriptions or the labels on prescribed medicines are also acceptable. If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, please do not let them return to school until they have had 24 hours clear of symptoms.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Follow instructions with
thought and care.

Headteacher: *M Tromans*

Care for everyone and
everything.

Show respect and good
manners.



KS2 School Meals A reminder that the children return to school on Monday 8th January, the dinner money required will be £11.25 (£2.25 per day) for that week. Alternatively, if you wish to pay for the half term the cost is £67.50 (30 x £2.25) for the half term. Payment is now online at www.schoolmoney.co.uk. Anyone wishing to change their meal choice, please inform the school office in writing, giving at least one weeks' notice. Thank you.

Data Checking Sheets /Text Messaging: All children have received their data checking sheets. If you haven't already done so please return the form to the school office ASAP. Please note that text messages will be sent to the Number One Contact therefore please ensure that we have a mobile phone number for that person.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies: We currently have vacancies for lunchtime supervisors. Training will be provided, both on the job and by the local authority. For further information and an application form, please contact the school office.

Communication. Please ensure that you check your child's bag each day as we know some information does not reach every family, we encourage the children to take responsibility for letters, to put them in their own bags and to tell you if one has been sent home, especially in year 2 upwards. Please check the website regularly for updates and news.

Messages for Teachers If parents or carers have messages for Teachers in the morning, including child collection arrangements at the end of the school day, please find a Teaching Assistant in the rear playground who will be happy to help by passing the message on. Please only call the school office regarding home time arrangements in exceptional circumstances. If you wish to speak to a Teacher personally then please ask to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time. Visitors can only be admitted at the start of the school day for pre-arranged appointments. Thank you for your co-operation.

Christmas Jumper Day. Cotteridge Food Bank have asked us to pass on their thanks for all the food you sent in on our Christmas Jumper Day. They will be able to give more hampers to people who are in need this Christmas time. We also collected £251.80 for local charities. Thank you to all of our families who gave so generously.

Penny Bottle Challenge Well done to all of the children who took part in this challenge. As you may know, Years 3 and 5 raised money for Save the Children on behalf of the Mexico Earthquake Appeal and Years 4 and 6 raised money for Children in Need. The total amount of money raised by all of the children was a whopping £945.00. Out of this amount, £615.00 was raised for Save the Children and £330.00 was raised for Children in Need. Thank you to all the children that took part in raising money for such amazing charities, Miss Motivaras.

King's Norton Sports News I would like to say a massive well done to all the children who have represented the school so passionately this year. We have had great successes in football, tag-rugby, cross-country, netball and dodgeball. All the children have shown great sportsmanship, resilience and teamwork. A special mention must go to our trophy winning football teams, who continue to be an inspiration to the younger children at school. We also have 8 girls who have represented the district team, competing against the best in the West Midlands and beyond. Cheers, Mr Atkinson.

After School Clubs Dance Club and girls Wednesday football will begin again week beginning 08/01/18. The rearranged Magical Maths session will take place on 09/01/18. Tag Rugby will start again on Wednesday 10 January before school.

Music Lessons will begin again week beginning 15/01/18. A text message regarding payment will be sent out in the new year.

Music News Many thanks to all the musicians who have taken part in the concerts, carol service and productions over the last few weeks. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the very committed peripatetic staff from the music service who give more than their allotted time to our school. Lessons next term will continue as normal and charging remains the same. Please encourage your child to practise their instrument over the holiday and please encourage them to take part in school musical activities such as choir. Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and prosperous new year. Mr. Bond

Reception Class 2018 The final closing for acceptance of preference forms and on line applications is 15th January 2018.

Families in Crisis. For many people Christmas and New Year is a great time of joy but it can be difficult for those living in fear of violence or abuse in their own homes. We want victims, their friends and relatives to know that help is available. Domestic violence services, such as Women's Aid, Ashram, Trident and Shelter will listen to victims, support them and give them time and space to decide what they want to do without judgement. Call in confidence Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid telephone 0800 800 0028. For other sources of help and support from counselling to housing issues please see the Parent Support section of our school website.

Term Dates and Training Days:

Friday 22nd December - 3.15 pm School closes for Christmas Holiday

Monday 8th January - 8.55 am School re opens

Friday 16 February - 3.15 pm School closes for half term holiday.

Monday 26 February - Teacher Training Day, school closed to pupils.

Tuesday 27 February - 8.55 am school re opens to pupils

Important Dates

Wednesday 17 January 2018 - Class RA Inspire Workshop

Thursday 18 January - Class RH Inspire Workshop

Monday 29 January - 6AW Class Assembly

Wednesday 31 January - Class 2B Inspire Workshop

Thursday 1 February - Class 2H Inspire Workshop

Thursday 8 February - Yr 4 Bully 4 U Parent Workshop 9.00 am - 9.45 am

Tuesday 13 February - 3M Class Assembly

Wednesday 14 February - Class 5D e-safety Inspire Workshop

Thursday 15 February - Class 5O e-safety Inspire Workshop

Thursday 1 March - World Book Day, information to follow

On behalf of myself and the governors. Happy holidays.

Yours faithfully



Mike Tromans.