

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Dear Parents,

### Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school! We hope that 2018 will be a happy and successful year for us all.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a few key items for the start of the year.

### Morning entry to school:

From today, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January, all children in year 1 to 6 are to enter the school via the care club doors. This door will be manned by one of the senior leadership team who can take any messages or key information you need to provide.

This change has occurred so that all teaching staff can meet, greet and have highly effective classroom procedures at the start of the school day. This will mean that teachers are not available first thing as they will be focused on your child's learning. If you need to speak to a teacher please leave a message and we will ask them to get back to you as soon as they are free.

At home time, children should be collected from the usual doors and staff will dismiss children in the usual manner. Nursery and Reception procedures for the start of the day and home time will not change.

### Homework and Home-school links diary:

Each week your child will be given homework. This will consist of reading each night (this can take many forms), spellings and learn its (maths number facts). The spellings and learn its will be placed into the home-school links diary every week.

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018, all diaries will be collected in daily. Pupils who are missing their diary will have a text sent home and will be required to have a five minute reading session within the classroom. Children who have completed homework will receive team points.

It is crucial that children bring this diary into school **EVERY** day. The diary is our way of communicating lots of items to you such as when your child had read, how they have conducted themselves throughout the day and results of tests/quizzes. Lost diaries will incur a replacement cost.

### Clubs:

Within the spring term, all clubs (bar the football team and netball team) will take place during lunchtime. Sessions will start at 12:30 and last for 30 minutes. All children will have a chance to join multiple clubs. The clubs are:

		Club 1	Club 2
Monday	EYFS/KS1	Singing (CN)	Construction (JS)
	KS2	Singing (ID)	Construction (HC)

<b>Tuesday</b>	EYFS/KS1	Board/Ball games (SG)	Story/Reading (JB)
	KS2	Blind football (IM)	Reading (LM)
<b>Wednesday</b>	EYFS/KS1	Drama (AM)	Colouring (CF)
	KS2		Colouring DH
<b>Thursday</b>	EYFS/KS1	Yoga (LMch)	
	KS2	Dance (HP)	Yoga (KP)
<b>Friday</b>	EYFS/KS1	Creative (AC)	
	KS2	Recorders (MB)	Drawing (JC)

The football and Netball clubs after school will continue to run due to training schedules and tournaments. Mr Pejic will continue to run his Taekwondo club on a Friday at 3:30pm.

#### **Diary Dates:**

Please note key diary dates below. We hope where events involve family participation that you are able to join us. Please download the school APP as a way of keeping in touch with events.

15 <sup>th</sup> January	closing date for application to Reception
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 at Kingswood residential
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Aspiring Authors Day
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day (family workshops – parents invited)
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Half term – school closed
26 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens to pupils
1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's day celebrations (1:30pm and 5:30pm – parents invited)
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Aspiring Authors Day
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week (science family sessions to be confirmed)
19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sports relief
26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> March	World Autism Awareness Week
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Intra-school sports competition
30 <sup>th</sup> March – 11 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed for Easter Holidays
12 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens to pupils

Finally, I want to thanks you for your continued support. Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved. (Mattie Stepanek)

Yours sincerely

Mrs B Caisley  
Principal