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Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to thank everyone for the support shown to me in my first term as Acting Headteacher. I have thoroughly enjoyed working closely with staff and parents to ensure that all children succeed and feel happy in our school. I look forward to continuing as Acting Head in the new year. School resumes on January 8th and we look forward to welcoming you all back then.

Online Safety

Below are links to websites to useful information on online safety. You may find these resources particularly helpful if your child will be using gadgets and surfing the web over Christmas.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online>

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Diary dates

Please find diary dates for next term included with this newsletter.

Button batteries: a message from the Safeguarding Children Board

In the run up to Christmas, it's especially important to be aware of toys and devices that use button batteries (the flat disc-like silver batteries) and to make sure we keep children safe by using, storing and disposing of them properly. It's extremely dangerous to swallow button batteries or to insert them into noses or ears where they can still create a circuit and cause harm. Please find a poster attached that highlights the danger of button batteries.

Tennis Club

Due to unforeseen circumstances we will not be able to offer tennis club next term. Thank you to those who have applied. Applications and cheques will be returned this afternoon. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Admissions

A reminder that the closing date for applications for Reception is fast approaching- January 15th 2019. If you would like to book a tour of the school or if you know someone who might like to, please contact the school office on 01727 854643.

Priests will be available at the Parish Centre to sign CCPs on Thursday 10 January from 4.30-6.30 pm. Please bring your child with you when asking the Priest to sign your form.

Breakfast Club

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation regarding the changes we need to make to the breakfast club provision in order to ensure the safety of all children. Please remember that from the **8th January 2019, we will not be able to accept children to breakfast club who do not have a sibling at the Infant school.** Please contact the Junior school for a booking form if you need to avail of care for your child before school starts.



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PTA Notices

What a fantastic term it has been. Thank you all for your support. We held eight different events and raised over £8,000 for our schools. Well done everyone! The support from corporate donations this term has been a welcome boost. Thank you to those of you who can avail of corporate schemes, for nominating us as your charity of choice.

This term, PTA funds have been used to provide smartboards, a new spelling scheme, as well as maths and literacy resources for the junior school. The PTA also intend to sponsor improvements to internet connectivity at the junior school this spring. At the infant school, PTA funds have covered fifteen new i-pads, new carpets for each classroom which give each child their own personal space to sit in, and bookcases for guided reading books.

Once again, thank you, not only for the funds you raise, but also for the strong sense of community you help to foster each and every time you support a PTA event.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a brilliant New Year, David.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful Christmas with loved ones near. God bless.

Aisling Cannon



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