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Dear Parents/Carers

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**Happy New Year!** Our first week back in school after the Christmas break has been an exciting theme week – “The Power of Words”. The children have been kept busy with lots of interesting and fun learning activities, some of which you will be able to see on their Tapestry posts this week. If you have not yet logged in and need support to access this resource, please let us know.

**HNIS Sharing Sheds** You may have noticed that we have positioned two new small sheds outside of our Hall windows. One of these will be used as a food pantry, and the other as a book shed, primarily for adults. To put it simply, the idea of both sheds is to provide a space for you and us as a community to share with each other. Please bring something when you can, and take something when you need to. Particularly apt, right after Christmas, when many of us will have lots of left-over things we won't eat, which may be just right for another family, and book lovers amongst us will probably need a good sort out to make space for new books.

These sheds will be unlocked during the school day and available to all families to access, to have a browse or drop off an in-date item of food or a book or two. Staff have generously donated enough to get us started (including a few 1000-piece jigsaw puzzles) and the sheds will be open from Monday. Whenever we have a food bank collection we see such generosity from our school community and we hope that you will continue to help each other and our families as you can.

**Severe Weather Procedures** It is not often that we get a great deal of snow in Somerset, certainly not in Bridgwater, (we missed out again this week), but it does sometimes happen. Should the need arise for us to have to close the school for any emergency, we would post this information on our website and send you all an emergency text as soon as the decision is made. This is often not until the morning of the day of the closure; we apologise now for the short notice and any inconvenience this may cause, but the decision would only be made if it were unavoidable. We also have to report this to our local authority through a portal which you can find online by searching for Somerset Council school closures. Local radio and media stations are also informed by this site and share regular updates on their channels. “Snow day” planning is available on our website under “Emergency closures” which you can find on the “Our children” tab.

**PE Kit** Please can all PE kits be returned to school by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January. All classes have PE regularly and the children love the lessons, it is disappointing for them when they have to miss out due to their kit not being available in school.

**IRIS Parentmail/PlusPay** You should all have received an electronic communication from Parentmail this week, providing you with information on how to download the app and register to use the electronic payment system. If you have not yet done this you are likely to get some reminder notifications as we continue to promote the use of the new system. The information letter will be re-sent today in case you missed it at the end of last term.

As always, if you have any questions or need any help, please let us know.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher