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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and that 2025 is a good year for you and your family.

Winter weather Well, we were not overwhelmed with snow sadly, but it has been very frosty and cold. Please be sure to send your child to school with a hat, gloves and scarf during this cold spell. The teachers have asked me to remind you to put names in these if you can.

Heating Yet again, our very old building and boiler are playing up. Whilst the heating in the main school is working well, the three Nursery rooms and Gruffalo class have been without heating for most of this week. We apologise for this and assure you that we are working on this as quickly as parts can be ordered! Gruffalo class has decamped to a spare classroom in our hut for the time being, and we are using small temporary heaters to help keep the temperature up in the Nursery rooms. Staff are monitoring the children and ensuring they are keeping active and staying as warm as possible. Please continue to send them in extra layers until we are able to get this fixed.

Road safety We have been asked by a parent this morning to mention road safety to all pupils and parents. Specifically, children crossing Rhode Lane from places other than the crossing, dashing out without looking both ways. We do work on road safety with our pupils at many opportunities throughout the year, and we do also have a road safety officer booked to visit and talk to all of the school age children at the end of March. However, please ensure you are supervising your children outside of school.

Pre-owned uniform As we are using our hut for a classroom this week, we will hold our pre-owned uniform sale on Thursday next week – 16th January. We usually ask £1.00 per item for uniform which adds to our pastoral fund to support our families in need, but we currently have a very good stock of school trousers and skirts, so will be reducing these to 50p per item next week.

Winter illnesses There are so many different illnesses around at the moment, and our attendance figures have plummeted this week. Frequent or long absences from school can have a significant impact on learning and progress and we always encourage all pupils to attend school if they are well enough to do so. At the beginning of a cough or runny nose, it's not always known whether it will develop into a full-blown virus or infection, and although a child may need a day or two off at the worst of the symptoms, they may not need to be off for the whole period of time. A good rule of thumb is that if they are well enough to be up and playing at home, then they could manage a day (or morning) in school. If the children are struggling in school, we will ring you so that you can collect if needed. As you will know, the two exceptions to this are for sickness and diarrhoea – children must be 48 hours free of symptoms after their last bout, and for temperatures – children should be temperature free to attend school.

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

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher