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Dear Parents/Carers

Heating update I feel like it's tempting fate to say it aloud, but the heating is all fixed and working at present.

Inner pedestrian gate We have now re-attached our intercom security system on the inner pedestrian gate to add further security. We will hook the gate open during school entry and exit times, but at all other times, this gate must remain closed. As you do with the gate on the driveway, you will need to buzz the office using the intercom to gain access in and out of the school. Please do not hook the gate open when you are entering and leaving. We thank you for helping us to keep your children safe.

Head lice We do seem to be having quite an infestation of head lice at the moment with several classes reporting cases, and a few members of staff. Can we ask you all to have a "head lice sweep" this weekend please? I have included the current advice for treating head lice with this letter, and here is a link to the NHS current advice <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> This information is also available on our website in the Our Parents, Health and Safety section. Please ask if you need any help in dealing with this. Can I remind everyone that all long hair should be tied back for nursery and school.

Attendance reward Night Pirates class chose a non-uniform day for their reward. Well done Night Pirates! The children were very excited and proud of being the first class to win the Headteacher's reward!

Following on from the mention in last week's letter re attendance, we are sharing this advice on attendance from the Local Authority.

What PARENTS/CARERS must do:

- Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence (unless advised otherwise on day one by the school for ongoing illnesses such as chickenpox).
- Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Have a back-up plan for if there is a problem with you bringing your child to school, e.g. call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!
- Book all holidays in school holiday time; there are 190 school days and 175 days on non-school in a year.

What WE will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Follow up on any absences that have not been explained.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.
- Offer support to improve your child's attendance.
- Seek external support if attendance does not improve.

Coming up: Monday 3rd February - "Dress to Express" day

The week after next is a National "Children's Mental Health and Awareness" week from the 3rd to the 7th February. Teaching children to be aware of and care for their mental health is an integral part of our whole school curriculum and we are teaching this throughout our entire school year. A very important part of this is to recognise, respect and celebrate everyone's individuality and choices, knowing that we are all different, we can make our own choices, and that it is good that we don't all like the same things.

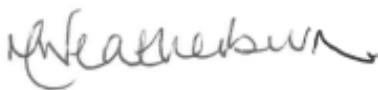
On Monday 3rd February, to kick-start the week, we would like to invite everyone to come to school and nursery in non-uniform, to "Dress to Express". There is no charge for this event.

This means the children can come to school and nursery in whatever is their favourite choice – in the past we've had princess dresses, dinosaur and mermaid costumes, football or judo kits, shirts and ties, jeans and t-shirts, we've had pyjamas and slippers, fairy wings, wigs, a robot made out of cardboard and face-paints! Please don't panic and buy anything new, we will also have lots of children who just like to come in their home clothes of jeans or leggings with a favourite t-shirt or top! Everything is celebrated and it really is up to the children to choose (but safe footwear please).

Generally, the staff all join in with this day so don't be surprised if we look a little less formal than usual. We've had netball kits, yoga outfits, horse-riding gear, but often lots of jeans! Parents are welcome to join in too!

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

Yours sincerely



Mary Weatherburn
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