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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Reminder - Dress to Express Day - Monday 3 February**

I wrote to you in last week's Friday letter to tell you about our special "Dress to Express" day coming up on Monday as part of "Children's Mental Health and Awareness" week. Teaching children to be aware of and care for their own mental health is an integral part of our whole school curriculum and 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. We look forward to seeing you all joining in with this celebration on Monday 3rd February, coming into school in whatever you feel like you want to wear. There is no charge for this event.

### **Special Delivery**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Wynn gave birth to a beautiful bouncing baby girl on her due date! Mother and baby are well and healthy, and Mrs Wynn is looking forward to a lovely few months at home with her daughter. She is planning to return to us in September.

### **Parking**

I have been asked by Hamp Academy to remind all of our nursery parents and other parents who come onto the school site during the day that the driveway should not be used for vehicle access, turning or parking. On several occasions, their lunch delivery has been held up due to restricted access caused by nursery parents parking on the drive. There are zig-zags along the driveway which are clearly indicating No Parking. Please park outside on Rhode Lane and walk into and out of school.

### **Website**

We continue to update and create our website on a regular basis. We are currently working on adding more information about our nursery provision and also about our curriculum. We are very interested in having your feedback; please have a look and let a member of staff know what you like or dislike about it, especially if there is something we are not providing that you would find helpful.

### **Courses for Parents**

We have learnt about some parents' courses provided by SS&L that can be provided free to parents with an income below £25,000. The trainers can provide a wide variety of courses on quite a wide range of topics. Some of these courses are one session, some are for a few weeks, some for parents and some for parents and children together, aiming only to support parents and families to gain skills and improve confidence in tackling issues that may be specific to you and help you in your everyday lives. Their website shows they offer many

courses, some examples are Introduction to Autism, Family Mindfulness, Learning English, Maths Anxiety and Household Budgeting, Storytelling Sessions and Understanding ADHD.

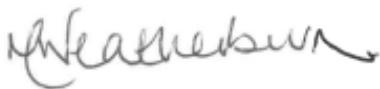
They have sent us information specifically regarding some of the short courses and sessions they run for free for parents. We have added this information to our website on the 'Parents' tab, under Learning at Home, with a link to the SS&L website. When you initially look at the courses they do suggest there is cost involved, but we have been assured that many of the courses are free if you meet the eligibility criteria mentioned above.

They also run a session called **Family Learning**, which they would come and run locally for groups of parents. We are able to provide a space here in school, and would love to be able to support you with this. The sessions of around one hour to one and a half hours run straight after drop-off time in the morning, where they meet briefly with parents first and then collect children from class for you and your child to enjoy an activity together. We know from our art and craft afternoons that a great many of you enjoy coming in to join in with your children's learning, and the sessions sound like they would be very similar. They would include sessions such as the storytelling activity sessions.

In order to book these sessions, we would need to have an idea of numbers. Please complete the slip that your child will bring home today to indicate if you would be interested. Please complete and return the slip even if you are not interested in this opportunity. **We would have to confirm dates later when we are able to book.**

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

Yours sincerely



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