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Key Reminders for the New Year

It's been another busy week in school and January is flying by! As is often the way at the beginning of a new term, a few reminders seem to be needed about some of the changes that we made last term.

School finishes at 3.15pm and all children should be collected from their own classrooms at the end of the day unless there has been a discussion with me and a special arrangement made. The number of children being brought to the office is creeping back up again and I have asked office staff to monitor it closely so I can speak to people where there seems to be a regular problem. We do not allow any children in Y4 or below to walk home alone and Y5&6 are only allowed to do so if we have written permission.

Please also be reminded that the back gate to the car park is also not for parental use unless a special arrangement has been agreed with me. I am always happy to speak to parents when problems arise and will work together with you to find solutions where possible.

Dates

23rd Jan Year 3 Chinese Dance Workshop. Parents to attend at 3pm

5th Feb Safer Internet Day

6th Feb 4b Class Assembly 9am

6th Feb Community Drop-In Meeting 6.30pm-8.30pm

7th Feb Parent ESafety Workshops

- 2.45-3.15pm, 5-5.30pm

13th Feb 4a Class Assembly 9am

15th Feb End of Term

5th March School Class Photos

6th March 3a Class Assembly 9am

6th & 7th March Parents Evenings

Upton Meadows Election

This week the whole school have been learning about democracy and the importance of voting. Over the last month the school council has worked hard to canvass ideas for new team names and organise a whole school election.

On Thursday the whole school took part in voting and the results were

299 voted for tree names—Oak, Ash, Willow and Chestnut

125 voted for shoe manufacturers - Tricker, Cleverley, Sargent, Franklin

Well done and thank you to the school council for all their hard work and enthusiasm organising the election.

Mrs Palmer



Attendance

4a	99%
6b	99%
5b	98.33%
2b	98.28%
1a	98%
2a	97.86%
5a	97.33%
4b	97%
6a	95.33%
Rb	95.14%
1b	94.67%
Ra	93.87%
3b	93.87%
3a	91.61%

Superstars



Our Superstars have demonstrated lots of our school values including super attitudes, kindness, effort, excellence, resilience and perseverance.

Good Work Awards

Well done to all of our children this week for their Good Work! The children have produced some amazing work in drama, maths, hand-writing and reading.



Attendance and Late Letters



We have a duty to monitor attendance and lateness and are legally required to make parents aware if there is concern in either of these areas. If required, letters will be sent out on a weekly or termly basis and this is done under my direction.

If you would like to discuss the letters that have been sent, please contact Mrs Palmer or myself as there have been several occasions this week where school staff, especially the office team, have been subjected to unfair and unacceptable verbal abuse, which will not be tolerated. A copy of our Pupil Attendance policy, which clearly outlines the process for informing parents about attendance and lateness, can be found on our website.

Ms Searing

Parent Reading Sessions



Please remember that you can come in to read with your children in their classrooms on Thursdays at 3pm.

Volunteers Wanted



If you have a spare hour and interested in volunteering in school listening to children read, please make an appointment to see Mrs Palmer.

School Uniform Reminder

Please remember that all children must wear appropriate school uniform

- Jade sweatshirt or cardigan
- Navy polo t-shirt
- Dark grey trousers, skirts or pinafores (no leggings)
- Green or blue summer dresses
- Black shoes (no trainers or boots)
- Socks (white, grey, black)
- Tights (grey or black)
- Head scarfs (plain coloured—navy, grey or white)
- Stud earrings (to be removed for PE lessons)
- No nail varnish
- No dyed hair/patterns in hair
- PE kit consisting of green t-shirt, navy shorts, trainer or plimsolls. For outside P.E., plain and suitable outerwear for winter months

Snow!



As we approach the time of year where the weather can often become colder and snow may arrive, I wanted to remind you of our procedures for keeping you informed about snow closures. It is important to say that we will do everything possible to keep school open and we will never take the decision to close lightly. However, sometimes it is just not safe for us to be open if the grounds are unsafe or if staff are unable to make it into school so we don't have appropriate ratios. If the decision to close school is made, we will email and text you as soon as possible to let you know. We will also tweet it, put it on the website and endeavour to post on the FUMPS Facebook page. Please note, the County Council is no longer operating a school closure announcement service.