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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very happy new year to you all, I hope that 2017 brings you all joy. Please would you read the following information, thank you.

Applications for a place in Reception class September 2017

If you would like to apply for a place for your child to attend this school, please make sure that you have completed the application forms and sent them by **15th January 2017**. This is the final date for on time applications. Thank you to those parents who handed the forms to Mrs Clarke in the school office, please **keep your receipts safe**. As you are aware we receive many applications and not all children get a place in our school so please make sure that your forms are completed by the deadline date.

Dropping off and collecting children from school.

If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year One or Year Two please make sure that you hand over your child to a member of staff at the classroom door or collect your child from a member of staff at the classroom door. Please do not watch your child from the gate or from the car park as this is a serious safeguarding concern. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

School Fund

Christmas Raffle - £189.00 raised

Film Night - £250.60 raised.

Thank you so much, a grand total of £439.60 was raised for School Funds, which is fantastic. Thank you for your support and kind generosity, every penny will be used for the children.

Attendance

Huge congratulations to all of those children who attended every day for the last half term and achieved 100% - well done to all of them. I am sure that we can have more children this term achieving 100%. We are looking out for the best attending class for the whole year! The whole Term and each half term. Excellent attendance is a skill for life!

New Year Party Lunch

To celebrate the new year, on Thursday 19th January there will be a special party lunch made for all of the children for £1.00. School lunch will cost £1.00 on that day. If your child usually has a packed lunch, he or she is welcome to have a school lunch on that day. It is a great opportunity to encourage your child to eat school lunches.

How can I help my child's learning at home?

Talk to your child about the following: research on the computer, look for information in books.

- January 23rd to Friday 27th – the children will be learning about Healthy Food and Healthy choices.
- Friday 27th January the children will be learning about the following composers:-
Reception - Beethoven
Year 1 - Bach
Year 2 - Handel
Year 3 - Debussy
Year 4 - Mozart
Year 5 - Chopin
Year 6 - Purcell

Perhaps you could help your child find out about the composer and listen to his music – what instruments are used? Etc.

- Nursery parents please make sure that you read the brilliant newsletters which are full of helpful hints and information about what your child is learning.
- Tuesday 7th February – Internet Safety Day.
This is a really important topic and not only will it improve your child's computer skills but it will also keep him/her safe. We already have information for parents on our website with helpful hints.

Half Term

We finish for half term on Friday 10th February.

We open after half term on Monday 20th February.

School Lunches

Please would you make sure that you are up to date with your payment for school lunches? We have been told that we must not provide lunch for any child whose parents have not paid. This puts us in a very difficult situation which can be avoided. If you would like to speak to me confidentially please do not hesitate to contact the office and we will organise an appointment time for you. If you owe any money at all please send your child to school with a packed lunch until you are in a position to pay what you owe.

As always thank you for your support and kind words. The children have returned to school happy and are enthusiastic learners – they are fantastic.

A very happy Headteacher

Mrs J Grundy