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Dear parents/carers,

The Superpower of Reading

All teachers are spotting children in their class with the **most improved** attitude to improving their own reading skills. We focus in school on building fluency and stamina, and the more a child reads, the better this becomes.

Does your child:

- ✓ Read their school book each night?
- ✓ Complete a reading journal for the book (years 2 to 6) weekly?
- ✓ Borrow books and magazines from the library? Are they curious about the world and look to books to find answers?
- ✓ Enjoy reading a range of authors, and talk with interest about them?

Children who read often and widely get better at it, and if they have books at home they are **six times** more likely to be reading above age related expectations! Reading:

- exercises the brain
- improves concentration
- teaches children about the world
- rapidly improves language skills and vocabulary
- develops imagination
- supports development of crucial writing skills
- helps them understand feeling and emotions



Staff News

Mrs Etten has joined the school as administrative assistant in the office; hopefully you have all met her. Miss Kick will be joining the school as nursery teacher in January.

Dates

Christmas nativity and carols – Friday 20th December at 9.30am
School closed for staff training on Monday 11.05.20 and Monday 20.07.20.

Yours sincerely.
Ms Jones

Maths Workshops

Thank you to all the parents who have attended the maths workshops so far this term. It is fantastic to see so many of you wanting to come in to support your children's learning. Feedback from parents has been very positive. Just to let those of you who have asked for further workshops know, staff will be running additional workshops next term for each year group: dates for these will be sent out early in spring term, giving all of our parents the chance to join us.

It is **highly recommended** that you attend the workshops as they aim to familiarise you with what your child is taught in their year group and also how they are taught using the maths mastery approach.

EARLY BIRD MATHS FUN

Do you want to help your child enjoy maths and improve their maths skills?

Then why not come and join us every **Thursday morning from 8:20 - 8:45** in the **ECO classroom**.

We can offer you a warm friendly environment; support from experienced staff and more importantly some fun games to explore number, shapes, patterns and much, much more. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come on let's get together to make maths fun!



Winter Fair

Not long to go for our annual Winter Fair: 11th of December - 6 more days to go! Thank you to family members who have shown their support by donating items for the fair and those who have pledged to make food for the day. It is lovely to see engagement from parents/carers. It is your support that makes such events successful. Please be reminded it is never too late to offer your skills or time. We are open to your ideas and we are more than happy to speak with parents/carers who have suggestions.

Winter fair begins at 2pm. Parents are reminded, to come in from the main gates on the day. School council will be at hand to help collect your children when you arrive. We would ask you to be patient as this can take some time. Only parents/carers can collect their children. Thank you for your cooperation. Mrs Kabil

SIMS Pay

Thank you to all the parents that have signed up and made payment using SIMS Pay. As the school is now cashless all parents/carers will need to ensure they are signed up in order to make payment for School Meals, Trips, Milk etc. If you are experiencing issues registering on SIMS Pay, please come to the office between 10am – 2.30pm where we will be happy to assist you. Ms Kumari and Mrs Etten