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Dear Parents

Welcome back and the very best 'Happy New Year' wishes to you all.

Exactly a year ago I wrote to you with the good news that the planning application for our new Nursery room had been passed and following much hard work and terrific patience on the part of everyone, we were delighted to unveil the lovely new building which provides a beautiful new work and play space for the youngest members of the school. This room will formally be known as 'The Green Room' with a painted green wall as a visual image for the children. The Art Room has a signature blue wall to denote 'Blue Room' and the room adjacent to the children's kitchen looks splendid with a red wall confirming its title 'Red Room'. That left us 'Purple Room' which did nothing to help us on House Days and so our observant families will have noticed that it has been repainted and accordingly renamed to be a splendid 'Yellow Room'.

Talking of House Days, we held the first House Assembly of the year on Thursday and the children seemed delighted to meet their fellow House friends, waving colourful flags enthusiastically so that even the newest recruits found it irresistible to join in. As the children headed off to their House areas to hear a story by their author the big Year 2s came forward and introduced themselves to a Nursery child then held hands and led them to their room. Year 1s did the same with Reception children and the Hall was full of happy chatter as new friendships were made and confidences built.

On Friday we welcomed families into the Hall for the PTA Coffee Morning and the blossoming new friendships developing with the children were seen to be mirrored with the grown-ups! This is such a happy school and we all feel very lucky to have such kind and friendly families both big and small who make it a delight to work here!

This term we have a Kind Koala award as part of our positive behaviour initiatives and already we have some very well-deserved recipients who are showing exceptional kindness to others and being recognised for it. We all know that if there was more kindness in the world it would be a better place for everyone.

Our chosen charity this year is St Christopher's Hospice and you can have a look at the wonderful ways that this important charity spends their donations by following this hyperlink: <http://view.publitas.com/d72f818e-91c1-4b9e-b272-f064b6df898e/st-christophers-fundraising-pack/page/4> The children will be bringing home a jar next week with clear instructions about how to raise money by doing good deeds and every time they earn some money they will light the electronic candle at the top of the jar to show the difference that they have made by lighting up the world! What a lovely way to end the first newsletter of the year.

Yours sincerely

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