

10th January 2020



Dear Parents

We are delighted to be back in the year 2020 which we hope will bring peace and happiness to all in all areas of the world. Your children have certainly enjoyed a wonderful festive break. In assembly we talked about the New Year and even joined crossed arms to sing Auld Lang Syne which some children recognised from some exciting sounding parties a few weeks ago!

Thank you all for your kind cooperation with the online booking form system which we hope you are finding to be a time-saving service. Larks and Owls are now solely booked online and we are pleased to see parents working with us to complete their forms on time. Please also note that Owls will now be based in Green and Yellow Rooms in Nursery and may be entered by Red Room door for entry and exit to avoid interrupting games and activities in Yellow Room.

I am delighted to see that the PTA are running a Coffee Morning on Friday 17th January at 8.30am till 9.15 am and I hope to see as many of you there as possible. We are so lucky to work alongside our excellent PTA and I hope that you will come and support them and catch up or make new friends on this date.

Last term we said goodbye to Ms Holli Zhao in Nursery and Ms Sherry Domican in Owls and we wish them every success in their new ventures. This term we welcome Mrs Emily Tudor-Williams who is working in the School Office alongside Mrs Helen Blake assisted by Ms Lauren Blake. She is very excited about joining this happy community and I hope that you will take time to make her feel welcome.

Our Staff INSET this term was all about higher level thinking challenges with outdoor learning. In order to teach these the Staff had to experience them themselves so we all enjoyed a morning outside with a raft of exciting and challenging activities designed to take place outdoors. It certainly was an ideal way to build resilience, problem solving skills and collaboration and we know that the children will enjoy accessing and developing these skill sets critical for success in the 21st Century.

This week Mrs Thum our Librarian chose Winter as her theme for the Library Raffle and Librarians M Ginn, C Scrimgeour, A Lee, D Chakraborty, S Van Delft and C Bushati-Pearson delighted the lucky recipients by drawing the raffle and handing out the books.

As usual we have a packed and interesting term ahead and you will see from your Dates for the Diary sheet that we will be welcoming many of you into school this term including some lucky mummies and grandparents. We hope that advance notice will ensure that as many grandparents can come as possible. In any event may I wish you all a wonderful Spring Term!

Mrs Annie Thackray

Headteacher