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**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We hope you have all had a fabulous Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Firstly, we would just like to say a huge thank you for all of the lovely gifts and cards we received at the end of last term - it was very much appreciated.

We'd just like to share a few reminders / important information about the term ahead. We also have included a curriculum web so you are able to see an overview of what we are teaching this half term.

**Staffing:**

Mrs Sollis will be taking the Year 3s in the morning in the old library and Mr Bridges will work with Year 4 in the main classroom. Mrs Phillips will work with Mrs Sollis predominantly but will be able to support Mr Bridges where needed. Mrs Lacey will also come in to support Year 4 for their session after break.

In the afternoon, Mr Bridges will take the whole class with Mrs Fowler supporting.

On Fridays, Mrs Sollis will teach both classes together in the main classroom along with Mrs Phillips in the morning and Mrs Fowler in the afternoon.

We are also very lucky to have two students with us until Half Term - Miss Bednarz will be working in Year 4 and Miss Chandler predominantly in Year 3.

We are usually available to talk to after school so please do feel free to come and speak to us if there are any issues or you have any queries.

**Showbie:**

We are continuing to use Showbie to share pictures of the children participating in different activities as well as sharing documents and information.

If you haven't already, please connect to our class using the class code: **FEZFD**. If you are new to Showbie, you will need to create an account at [www.showbie.com](http://www.showbie.com), Showbie also have an app which may be easier for Smartphones. If you have any issues with connecting, please let us know and we will try to help. Information is also available on our class page of the school website.

**Forest School:**

There is no Forest School for Owls this term but this will resume again in the summer term.

**Young Voices:**

Young voices will be taking place on the 29<sup>th</sup> January for children who have signed up. A letter has been sent out about this but please get in touch if you are unsure about anything around this.

Children not participating in Young Voices will remain in school for the normal school day but will combine with remaining Eagles students for an afternoon activity.

**Break times:**

We have a morning break between 10:30 and 10:45 each day alongside Eagles class. Please ensure your child has a **healthy snack** for morning break if they wish and ensure they have a water bottle in class each day. Our lunchtime is from 12.15 to 1.05pm. We do not have a standard afternoon break but may have a quick couple of minutes movement break inside or outside the classroom if needed.

**Reading:**

It is extremely important children are reading books which are matched to their individual level of competency and, as such, the books in the classroom are banded so that children can read with fluency and with understanding. Whilst we welcome them exploring books outside of school, we would prefer they stick to these books in school (they can borrow them to read each evening). These books do not belong to a scheme, so, even within their banding, they may vary in difficulty. We would appreciate your support in keeping an eye on what your child is reading, ensuring they can read it fluently.

**Reading Records:**

Please do continue to record what children have read in reading records and we will reward children who regularly bring in their record to show us! Any reading can be recorded in this - fiction or non-fiction and can be recorded by child or parent. We look forward to seeing which books you have enjoyed!

**Multiplication Tables:**

Our aim is that by the end of Year 4 they should know all tables up to 12 with a rapid recall (at least within 5 seconds). Year 4s will have a statutory multiplication check towards the end of the school year so we want to support the children so that they are confident in completing this. The benefits of knowing their times tables confidently are invaluable within class work, particularly in the coming term, and your help in practising tables with your child would be very helpful.

We are signed up to an app called 'Times Table Rockstars' which has always proved to be very popular and can make a considerable difference to the speed of children's recall. You should already have login details for this, but if these have gone astray, please let us know and we will provide them to you.

**PE:**

PE remains on a Thursday for this term. On this day, children should come dressed in their PE kit which they will wear all day. Please do however ensure they have a school / PE jumper and trousers for colder weather. For sports clubs, children need to bring spare kit to wear in a bag and get changed at the end of the day.

**Jackets:**

Given the unpredictable British weather, please ensure your child brings a coat each day so that we can venture out for break times if it is wet. We won't go out if it is pouring!

We hope this letter has been helpful - and please do come and see us if you have any further questions. We look forward to working with your child over the coming year.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr Bridges and Mrs Sollis**