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Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school, after what I have hope has been a relaxing and enjoyable break. It was lovely to see the children return to school with such lovely smiles and enthusiasm.

As the new term begins, I would like to remind all families for the need to comply fully with the school uniform policy. Please ensure children wear black shoes/trainers only, no jewellery of any kind and long hair is tied up. Also, the Winter term has started as you would expect; cold, dark and wet! With this in mind, please ensure that all children come to school with suitable warm clothing and waterproof coats and shoes. As a reminder, PE clothing should be brought to school and left here (either on a Monday and taken home each Friday for washing or simply left in school until the next half term). Having the correct PE kit in school (please see the website) will ensure children have a change of clothing in the event that they do get caught in the rain.

Next week sees the start of our afterschool clubs. Listed below are the additional activities that your child can participate in. Please sign up via parent pay as usual:

Day (3.30-4.30)	Club	Open to:
Monday	Team Football	Football team players only
Tuesday	Song and dance	Y1-Y6
Wednesday	Active night	YR - Y6
Thursday	Arts & Crafts	Y1-Y3
Friday	Maths Whizz	Y4-Y6

Please note there are limited spaces for each club, so please sign up now to avoid disappointment.

In addition to afterschool clubs, music lesson will begin again week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – payment to be made in the usual manner.

Attendance in school is something I talk about a great deal, and will continue to be a focus this term. Last term there were only 37 out of 151 children who received 100% attendance. This is excellent achievement for the 37 pupils, who will be awarded with a certificate to celebrate this, but I would love to see this number increase each term. I appreciate that some of you may feel missing a day from school here and there is not that important – but it really does have a massive impact on pupils learning. We start this term with all children back to the starting point and it would be wonderful if we could have more children end this term with 100% attendance than last term! To help with this, please arrange all dental and medical appointments outside of school hours, where possible, and ensure holidays are taken during the designated holiday weeks. Thank you.

Termly dates will follow for up and coming events shortly, but just a reminder that it is the Year 5 & 6 (all of year 5 & 6 children) Liturgical Prayer on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 9.10am in the school hall.

*Have a wonderful weekend.*

**Dionne Dunn**  
Headteacher