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Dear Parents and Carers,

January seems to be flying by rather quickly but it has been wonderful to see how busy and active the children have been since the start of term. Attached to this newsletter you will find our term dates for the next academic year, September 2024-July 2025. Please keep a note of the dates and plan family holidays etc accordingly. Term dates can also always be found on the school website [here](#)

Finally, don't forget we have a number of lovely new and nearly new coats available, should your child need one in this very cold weather, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

**Miss K Aldred - Headteacher**

### **Parents' Evening, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Sign-up sheets will be displayed outside classrooms at pick up, on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**. My teaching team really value the opportunity to discuss your children's progress with you all so please do sign up for an appointment, if you are able.

We are unable to save or pre-book timeslots for parents and carers so if you do not normally collect your own child please ask a friend to sign up on your behalf.

### **Key Dates**

26/01	FOBSA Happy Bags collection
05/02	Parents' Eve 5.30 - 7.30pm
06/02	Parents' Eve 3.30 - 5.30pm
09/02	Last day of term (normal pick up time)
	<b>12/02 - 16/02 Half term</b>
19/02	Children return to school
<b>21/02</b>	<b>100<sup>th</sup> Day of School (further info to follow)</b>
<b>07/03</b>	<b>World Book Day (further info to follow)</b>
15/03	FOBSA Party Night
27/03	Last day of term (normal pick up)
28/03	Inset day (School closed to children)

Full term dates can be found [here](#)

### **Lateness**

I would like to remind everyone that gates open at **08.40am** and all children should be in school by **08.50am**, each day. Whilst the vast majority of children are arriving in good time and settling to their work by 08.50am, I am seeing an increasing number of children arriving after this time. Not only do they receive a late mark in the register, but most importantly, they are missing valuable learning and socialising time.

If you are having difficulty getting your children to school on time, please discuss this with us, and we will support you wherever we can.

### **Parking**

Please be considerate when parking and ensure that driveways are not blocked when dropping off and picking up children. Obviously, there are serious safety implications and the inconvenience for our neighbours but, you also may not be aware, that a number of our neighbours have very kindly offered some of our less mobile children and their parents, to park on their drives, to enable those children to have less distance to walk into school.

### **FOBSA**

FOBSA will be holding their first event of 2024, a *Happy Bags Collection*, on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**. If you are having a sort out after Christmas please save those old clothes etc and bring them along to the collection. You can use any bag or sack in addition to the one sent home yesterday and then leave them, from 08.00am in the corner of the front car park.