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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term and a Happy New Year to you all. It was lovely to see all the children back in school yesterday looking smart and ready for learning. Many thanks for supporting your children with ensuring they are in full school uniform, representing the school community and providing a sense of belonging. Everyone had made an impressive effort to be ready for school yesterday but if your child hasn't quite managed to remove their holiday jewellery or nail varnish yet or managed to find their school socks, please help them with this over the weekend, ready for next week.

We have had a new gate fitted to the end of the path which leads around the bungalow. This is to improve security and keep your children safe. This gate will now be locked at 9:00am and will remain so during the day. It will be unlocked at 3:00pm ready for pick up time. The two gates on the fence at the end of the lower car park will also be locked during the day, ensuring that visitors must enter school via the office.

We have been enjoying two days this week focusing on French and look forward to lots more exciting events and learning experiences through the coming term. There are various trips coming up and year six will be heading off on their residential visit later this half term. Swimming also starts for year groups in Key Stage Two in turn. Don't forget that we work hard to keep the overall cost of trips and visits to £35 as a maximum through the year (excluding swimming and residential) and a number of our trips don't have a cost to them as we try to use the local area wherever possible. We do, however, rely on the 'voluntary contributions' to cover the cost of trips as there is simply not enough funding coming into school to cover any shortfall.

Don't forget that **parents' evenings for years one to six are on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th March**, just before the end of term so please note these dates in your diaries. Appointment slips will be out nearer the time. Reports will be out the Friday before this and will be the focus for parents' evenings. Completing our reports at this time of year means that your child has the same teacher for another term to work on identified 'next steps' rather than just passing these on to someone else at the end of the year.

Yours sincerely,
Stuart Ludford.



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