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Dear Parents/Carers

First Spring Term Update 2022

A very Happy New Year and thank you for all the kind Christmas gifts we received in school.

We continue to keep preventative Covid measures in place in school and follow the latest changing guidance. Thank you for keeping your child at home when they are unwell, or if you have experienced a positive Covid case in your household until the test results are received which really helps us to keep Covid cases to a minimum. We appreciate all your support.

Class 4

We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to Miss Randall for the time spent teaching Class 4 last term and wish her well for the future. Over the next few Fridays, Mrs Medlyn will be teaching Class 4 until a new teacher is appointed for Fridays and we will keep you informed of further changes as they arise.

Forest School

Reception Forest School sessions will continue each Wednesday as will the Nursery Forest School sessions. Parents of children in Year 1, or the whole of Class 2 will be informed if there are more Forest School sessions taking place in the near future.

Extreme Weather

Reminder for any contingency planning parents might need for emergency childcare in extreme weather conditions. Every action will be taken to try and keep school open to avoid closure, however, sometimes this just isn't always possible if the roads are deemed unsafe or impassable.

Text messages will be sent out to parents as soon as the latest regional weather and transport updates are received. Please bear in mind, sometime these may need to be released early in the morning due to significant over-night weather changes. School closure announcements will be broadcast on BBC Shropshire radio's 8am travel bulletins and on our school website.

Everyday Reminders

Children need a warm coat and a water bottle everyday along with their P.E. kit daily.

Spaces for children in Nursery on Fridays

To support working parents with wrap around care, we are offering Nursery places for morning and afternoon sessions on Fridays. Please contact Jacqui Reacord our Nursery Lead, or the school office for bookings.

Parenting Courses

We have been informed that there are still some available places on the Shropshire Council's Parenting Team course for 'Understanding Your Child'. This course is also relevant to parents of children with Special Educational Needs. Bookings can be made directly on 01743 250950 or by email parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

Term Dates

Please see attached the overview of school holiday dates to help with your diary planning. As you know, we adopt the Shropshire Local Authority's dates, but please see a summary of the PD days which may vary slightly:

February half-term

Children finish school at the end of Thursday 17th February 2022

Half-term holiday is Friday 18th February until 25th February with a return for everyone on Monday 28th February

Easter

Children finish school at the end of Friday 8th April

Easter holidays are from Monday 11th April until a return for everyone on Monday 25th April

May half-term

Children finish school at the end of Friday 27th May

May half-term is from Monday 30th May until a return for children on Tuesday 7th June, due to an PD day on Monday 6th June and linked to the 2 additional Bank holidays for the Queen's Jubilee.

Summer holidays

Children finish school for the summer holidays at the end of Wednesday 20th July with a return on Tuesday 6th September 2022

Stay safe and well everyone.

S.L. Woolley

Mrs Sarah L. Woolley

Headteacher