

Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers.

Happy New Year to you all! I am so pleased to be back in school and it has been lovely to see all of the staff and children. After the Covid restrictions of the past few years I really appreciated having a more normal holiday! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and were able to spend quality time with your friends and families.

Assembly



This week in our first assembly in 2023, we have thought about new beginnings. I was so impressed by their thoughts and ideas. We shared resolutions with each other and shared our Christmas news. Do ask your child if they can explain how I made assembly feel different.

Term Dates

Attached to this letter are a copy of the spring term dates. We have a very busy schedule so I hope you find it helpful.

Just a reminder that we have a training day planned for Friday, 20th January 2023 and the school will not be open on that day.

Year 5/6 Classroom.

Parents of children in year 5 and 6 will be aware that the pupils are currently not based in their classroom but working in the hall or music room. Unfortunately, we have a number of small leaks in the roof and we are waiting for contractors to begin repairs. This will be done as a matter of urgency and I am hopeful that the classroom and library will be back in action as soon as possible. The children have been really sensible despite the upheaval! Parents, please wait in the normal pick up space and the children will come around to the playground.

Fevers and Attendance

You may have read in the media that advice has been given to parents that children should be kept at home if they have a high temperature or fever. I am very clear that I am very happy to have children in school with mild childhood illnesses like coughs and colds and this is in line with the guidance that schools are given. However, I know that

there are high cases of covid and flu circulating and we will be happy to advise parents if you are unsure about whether to send your child in to school.

Here is the link for the latest advice.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever

Our Spring Term Curriculum

Information about your child's learning in the spring term will be sent out early next week however it will also be available on our school website. Please do have a look. http://www.greatalneprimary.org/web/home/626631

We are increasingly going to be using our Twitter account to share everything that is taking place in school. There are a very small number of parents who have restricted the use of images and obviously we will respect this. However, we may approach you to discuss this if we think it is appropriate.

School Developments

Just to let you know we are having new outdoor play equipment installed this month. I know the children will be delighted!

Best wishes

Mrs. K Rossiter Head Teacher

Important dates for the diary

On going

Key Stage 2 swimming every Tuesday (see exception date below.)

P.E Reception, Class 1/2 every Tuesday and Thursday

P.E Key stage 2 every Tuesday and Friday

Multisport club every Tuesday 3.15pm-4.15pm

Choir club every Wednesday 3.15pm-4pm

KS2 Football club every Friday 3.15pm-4.15pm

Upcoming Events

20.1.23 - INSET DAY (School Closed)

17.2.23 - Break up for Half Term 2023