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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

Happy New Year to you all! It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school, refreshed and raring to go! We look forward to an action-packed 2025 with children having the opportunity to continue learning and developing their skills and friendships through the coming months.

Firstly we would like to warmly welcome our new Administrative Officer, Naomi Defriend, to the school. Some of you have already met her, when dropping off your children at the school gates, but for those of you who haven't, you will no doubt see her sitting in the school office, when you next visit the school. She is your "go to" person for any general enquiries.

Cold Weather Clothing

Some of our children have been getting rather cold this week, when playing outside during these icy/snowy days. Please do ensure that your child/ren come to school with appropriate clothing (warm waterproof coats/school jumpers/long school trousers/warm tights) as well as sturdy footwear for the cold weather. We recommend that they keep a spare pair of jogging bottoms in their bags, in case they need to change into additional dry clothing, whilst at school.

Stamps RNLI



Please remember to keep saving any stamps that you receive and pop them in the RNLI box that we have in the reception area here at school. Thank you.

Eco Club

This term's Eco Club will focus on eco homes where children will use a shoe box to make a model eco home with features like solar panels and a vegetable plot. The club is on Wednesdays 3.15-4.15 and is open to Y1-6, though this creative project is especially suitable for KS2 children. If your child is keen, please sign up via the office and pay £27 in cash or via bank transfer (the office has the bank details).

Ball Sports, Football Club & Gym Club

These clubs started back this week. Please can all payments be made to the school by the end of next week: Friday 17 January 2025.

Ball Sports £22.50

Football Club £27.00

Gym Club £27.00

District Sports Clubs

The After-School Sports Clubs have some space this term. If any children are interested, you can obtain further information from the district sports website: www.districtsportssouth.com

Swiss Students

Can you host a Swiss Student(s)?

Last year we welcomed four Swiss students from the Pedagogical 6th Form College in Kreuzlingen, Switzerland who were studying to become teachers and we have been asked again, if we are able to host students this year. The students' native language is German and they speak excellent English and French. In order for us to receive the students they must have a host family who is able to provide accommodation and meals for the two weeks stay, Sunday 22 June-Saturday 5 July 2025. The host family would need to provide breakfast, packed lunch and dinner for the student(s) and spend as much time as possible with them to allow them to get the maximum amount of speaking practice. The student(s) would spend the mornings and afternoons at school. The host family would receive £300 per student for the two weeks stay. If you are interested in providing this support for one, two or more students, please let our Admin Officer, Ms Defriend know.



'New Year – New Start'

DIARY DATES

February

Friday 14 INSET DAY

June

Monday 16 INSET DAY

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe

Headteacher



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