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Dear Parents

Thursday 11th January 2018

Happy New Year, and welcome back to the new term. I hope you all had a happy and healthy Christmas holiday.

Swimming

Swimming will take place for Years 1 – 4 this term every Thursday afternoon. Please make sure your children have a swimming hat if they have long hair, and goggles if they need them. We are planning to swim every Thursday afternoon, right up until the last day of term. If the girls would like to come in trousers or leggings on a Thursday instead of tights, it would make it quicker and easier for them to get changed. We will be doing PE as usual on a Friday morning, so please make sure the children have their PE kits in school on Fridays, including outdoor trainers and jogging bottoms and warm jumper in case we choose to go outside.

Medication

Can I please ask parents of children who have regular medication to come in and check that it is up to date? Please also let us know if there are any changes to dosage or administration.

After School Clubs

This term we are planning the following clubs for Reception to Year 4 from 3.30 – 4.30 pm:

Monday – Film Club – Miss Morgan. If you would like to send any DVDs that your children enjoyed recently, it would be much appreciated. It may be that this changes to a sports club later in the term Tuesday – Games and Lego Club – Linda and Anna Wednesday – Italian Club – Mrs Hilton Thursday – Sports Club – Ied by Young Sports leaders and their teacher from QEHS

If children from Reception to Year 4 need After School care after 4.30 pm, Linda will do Chat and Relax. Please make sure she knows 24 hours in advance if you need her to do this.

Book Week

We will be having our annual Book Week in the week beginning Monday 5^{th} March. Competitions this year will include making your own book for Years 1 - 4, Dress up as a Book Character for Nursery to Year 4, and making your own bookmark for Early Years (Nursery and Reception).

Yours sincerely

| Dates for the term | |
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| Wed 24 th January | Early Years Forest School Morning |
| Thursday 25 th January | Class 2 Forest School Morning |
| Wednesday 31 st January | Class 1 Forest School Morning |
| Friday 9 th February | Teacher Training day – school closed to pupils |
| Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February | HALF TERM BREAK |
| Week Beginning 5 th March | Book Week |
| | Competitions: All pupils Dress up as a Book character Tuesday 6 th March Parents invited to assembly 9.15 – 10.00 am |
| | Year 1–4 Make a book Please hand in by Monday 5 th March |
| | Early Years Make a book mark. Mrs Dickens will confirm |
| | instructions |
| Tuesday 13 th March | Early Years Coffee Morning 10.30 am |
| Thursday 29 th March | Easter Service – St Helen's Church 9.15 am |
| | Easter Egg Competition – School AM |
| | School closes for Easter holidays 3.15 pm |
| Friday 30 th March | Good Friday Easter activities at Vicarage – time to be confirmed |
| Monday 2 nd April – Friday 13 th April | EASTER HOLIDAY |
| Monday 16 th April | School re-opens for Summer term |
| Wednesday 18 th – Friday 20 th April | Class 2 to Kingswood Activity Centre |