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Dear Mums & Dads, Carers,

Governors, staff and I wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year and as always, thank you for your support over this term, both for your children's education and the work of our school.

We have been pleased to see you at our various events, including class assemblies, parent evenings and Christmas concerts and celebrations. We are proud of our pupils and their engagement in learning and school activities this term.

### Attendance

We are continually monitoring our attendance and I am pleased to say it is now 94.4%. We are still striving to meet our target this year of 94.8% and I hope you will continue to work with us to achieve this. This term, 23 children achieved 100% attendance. All children will receive an attendance letter this week detailing their overall attendance this term. Please consider whether there is anything you can do to maybe improve the figure. If there is any way we can support you to improve your child's attendance just let us know. Miss Stow is happy to meet with you.



### Healthy Lunch Boxes & Snack

I am sure the New Year will see many of us aiming to start healthy eating again after the indulgence of Christmas. Can I remind you to send in a healthy snack and a balanced lunch box. Our healthy ambassadors will be on patrol following our Christmas break, on the lookout for balanced lunchboxes.

### Meetings

Thankyou to all the parents who have attended one of our curriculum meetings. In the New Year there will be many more meeting planned for you to attend. Please make the effort to come. It's a really nice way to have an informal chat to the staff and to find out more about the life of the school and things your child is part of.



### PTA

May I take this opportunity to say a big thankyou to the PTA for their continued hard work in raising money for the school. We have hosted many successful events such as the Christmas Fayre and discos. Extra help is always welcome so if you would like to become involved just let the office know.

### Class Dojo

We are using class dojo following concerns from parents about communication. The teachers are more than happy to answer any queries but during the school day are busy preparing for lessons and teaching, therefore they may miss any text you send. Could I therefore ask you to phone school if you have any questions that are able to be answered by Mrs Marshman in the office, or see the teacher at the end of the day. The same applies to Facebook as teachers cannot always answer your queries straight away. If there is something you wish to discuss in private with the teacher you are always welcome to make an appointment. Dojo is primarily a way for the teachers to share your child's work and send out reminders about events happening involving the class.

## Staffing

Miss Payne has had a lovely baby boy called Arlo. The whole family are doing brilliantly and we are hoping she will be popping in to see us soon.

Mrs Brake has been lucky enough to be offered a secondment to Welsh Government and the Hwb team for up to two years. Mrs Brake as I am sure you are aware, is a whizz with a computer and we have her to thank for our amazing website and for making us a Hwb Centre of Excellence. It is an amazing opportunity for her to learn new skills that she will share with schools across Wales. We are very proud of her and want to wish her all the best. We will still be seeing her and she will be involved in the school although it does mean she will no longer be teaching Year 1 / 2 Deer class.



Luckily Miss Pole is going to take over the role full time. Miss Pole knows all of the children and has worked at our school for many years and I am sure you will agree will do an amazing job. This means that from January we will be welcoming another teacher to our school: Mrs Meghan Hoy in Rabbits class to work alongside Mrs Kelly. Mrs Hoy is an experienced teacher in early years and we can't wait to welcome her to the team. She will work closely with Mrs Kelly and Miss Pole to ensure an effective handover. The children have had the opportunity to meet her already and will do so before she officially begins.

So finally may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself and the staff, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to welcoming the children back on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Kindest Regards,

Andrea Brett-Harris  
Headteacher

Dates for you Diary:

School Finishes for Christmas Friday 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm  
Spring Term Starts January 6<sup>th</sup> 2020

