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WELCOME BACK

A special welcome to our new families in Reception and a Happy New Year to everyone. Staff would like to thank parents and carers for the kind cards, messages and gifts that they received at the end of last term. We would also like to thank the Dewanium Tandoori for their generosity in inviting YR4, 5 and 6 to dine at their restaurant. It was a lovely event.

I am pleased to announce that Hannah Brown has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher. She will be taking over the responsibilities previously covered by Mrs Marley and is also Key Stage 2 Co-ordinator. This is a temporary role until August 2009. We now have two assistant headteachers - Judith Wales and Hannah Brown. Suzy Ashton has joined the Leadership Team in her new role as School Business Manager. Suzy has increased her responsibilities to include premises management and extended services. All other roles within the school remain the same.

A big thank you to everyone who returned the parent questionnaire that was sent out in December. We have had 42 responses. A summary of the responses received will be sent out with next week's newsletter. The responses will help inform the new School Improvement Plan. The additional comments and replies were very informative and helpful.

TERM PLANS

Term plans and home learning activities have been sent home via pupil post today and are also available on the school website by clicking on the relevant year group page. Topics for this term are as follows:

- Reception: Places and Space
- Year 1: Houses and Homes
- Year 2: Time and Journeys
- Year 3 & 4: Victorians
- Year 5 & 6: London

We have a number of trips and visits planned already for this term. YR1 will be taking a short walk around the local area next week as part of their topic.

STAFF NEWS

We currently have three students working with us from Greenwich University. Anthea and Nancy in YR6 and Christina in YR1. We wish them good luck with their placements. Ms Brandt will be teaching YR3 full time from next week. The following classes will require cover:

Tuesday	YR4	Cover TBA
Thursday PM	Reception	Rosanne Posner to cover
Friday	Reception	Rosanne Posner to cover

TERM DATES

A full set of dates for this term will be sent out with next week's newsletter. Please find below a list of dates so far including the assemblies which are taking place this term. Parents and carers are invited to attend assemblies in the Spring Term. Assemblies take place at 10.30am and last for about 15 minutes.

Friday 23rd January	YR6 Class Assembly
Friday 30th January	YR5 Class Assembly
Friday 6th February	YR4 Class Assembly
Friday 27th February	YR3 Class Assembly
Friday 6th March	World Book Day Assembly
Friday 13th March	YR2 Class Assembly
Friday 20th March	YR1 Class Assembly
Friday 27th March	Reception Class Assembly
Thursday 2nd April	KS1 Spring Assembly (9.30am)

The date for KS2 Spring Assembly is still to be confirmed.

YEAR 1 SHOE BOX REQUEST

YR1 need old shoe boxes. If you have any spare and can drop them into YR1 or the School Office this would be greatly appreciated.

CLUB NEWS

Clubs begin again on Monday 12th January. Letters have been sent home today with club places for this term. Those children who have requested a club but have not been allocated a place will automatically go on the waiting list. Term bills will be sent home shortly. A copy of the club timetable will be sent home with this newsletter. We are aware that we are not currently able to offer as many club places for reception children as have been requested. There is a wider range of club opportunities for children when they enter YR1. We are looking into the possibility of an additional club for the Summer Term for reception and KS1 children. There are still a few spaces available in the following clubs: Basketball, Dance, Multi-Skills, Tennis and Textiles.

PTA NEWS

The next PTA meeting has been arranged for Monday 19th January at 7.00pm. All are welcome and it would be great to see as many new reception class parents and carers as possible.

Photos of children with Father Christmas taken at the Christmas Ball are now available from the school office. Each photo will cost £1. Please see the office staff if you would like to view the photos.