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Happy New Year

Welcome back to a new year! It was brilliant to welcome the children back to school last week. They have a positive attitude and were very keen to get back to their learning. Keep this up children!

Great Fire of London

The week before Christmas brought the Great Fire of London to Bayford School. Class 1 made some fantastic Tudor houses that were set alight (and extinguished!) by our local fire brigade. This was watched and enjoyed by the whole school.

Well done Class 1 - what a superb way to bring history to life!

What is Happiness?

The teachers are currently looking at ways in which we can 'cultivate' positive attitudes to learning to ensure the children aspire to life-long learning.

Prof Guy Claxton advises that when parents say 'I just want my child to be happy' we should follow this by helping children to discover what they would love to be great at. Help them to discover the 'joy of the struggle': the happiness that comes from being rapt in the process, and the quiet pride that comes from making progress on something that matters.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February is Safer Internet Day. Across this week, children will be reminded of the ways that they can stay safe whilst on-line through lessons and assemblies.

Please reinforce this important message.

Advice can be found at: www.saferinternetday.org



Weather Warning System

As you know, we had to close the school due to snow just before Christmas. It is very important that we inform parents asap. Therefore, as well as our usual texting system, in the event of extreme weather we ask parents to sign up to the School Closure Notification System. If you have not already signed up please can you do so.

In order to receive notifications via SMS and email you will need to sign up using the following address:

member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489

This link will direct you to the "**Sign Up**" page where you should click on the "sign up" button located at the top right hand side of the page on the grey strip and from there follow the instructions.

Class Sharing Assemblies

We will be holding our Class Sharing Assemblies this half-term as follows:

Class 2 Friday 2nd February at 2:45pm Class 3 Friday 9th February at 2:45pm

Parents and families are warmly welcome.

Reception and Class 1 will have their Sharing Assemblies after half-term.

Value



This half term our value is 'Courage'.

We will be focussing on this during assembly times and also in our daily school life.

'Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.'

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Class 2 Swimming

This term Class 2 start their swimming lessons in Hartham Leisure Centre. These take place on a Friday morning and the children should remember their swimming costumes and towels.

Contributions £6:00/week.

Dinner Money

Please ensure any dinner money that is owed is paid to the office asap.



FOBS Friday Film/Games Night

Friday 26th January

Reception/Class 1 (Film) 3:15-5:15pm Class 2/Class 3 (Games) 5:15-7pm

Food and drinks provided (all food is nut free)

(flyers coming out in book bags)

School Shoes

Please can we remind you that children can wear trainers/wellies/outdoor shoes to school but they <u>must</u> have school shoes to change into throughout the school day.



School Bus

Can we remind you that if your child is brought to school or collected from school any day please contact
Golden Boy directly if there are any changes to arrangements.

Attendance

We are pleased that for the autumn term of this academic year the attendance of each class has been as follows:

Reception 96.5% Class 1 97.4% Class 2 97.9% Class 3 97.7%

Please keep this up!

Nut Allergies/Epi-Pen Training

We have a number of children who are allergic to nuts and could be susceptible to having an anaphylaxis reaction.

Staff will have their annual training this half-term to ensure that, in case of an allergic reaction, they are aware of the correct procedures to follow.

<u>Please can you ensure that your child does NOT bring in</u> any nuts to school on any occasion.

PE Lessons

Please ensure PE kits are kept in school and taken home at the end of a half-term.

During PE lessons, for health and safety reasons children with long hair should have their hair tied back, and earrings should be taken out or covered up.



Healthy Eating

Continuing our drive on healthy eating, can we remind you that there should be no chocolate <u>bars</u> in children's packed lunches e.g. mars bars etc. Chocolate wafer biscuits are acceptable e.g. Kit Kats, Blue Riband bars.

