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Dear Parents,

Making promises and keeping promises has been the assembly theme this week and the children have enjoyed listening to the stories and participating in the activities. Last week's theme of perseverance had a very positive response through my Head Teacher's challenge and all children who sent information/pictures/DVDs or writing to me have been rewarded with the new sticker and will feature on the website too.

Dates for diaries

- 2017-18 term dates are now on the website
- Class assembly dates are on the website and you will receive a written invitation from your child prior to it happening
- Parents' Evening reminder for Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February (3-5.50)
Appointment booking times will reach you soon
- 17th January a reminder that the PTFA are organising a Bags2 School event. Please bring unwanted clothes in bags on the morning of 17th January for a morning collection (normally around 9.30). Please use the bag that has been sent home for you and then use any other plastic bags if you have more items. We receive £200 per tonne and you can send clothes, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags but no bric-a-brac please.
- 27th January PTFA movie night for Y2 children. Please see PTFA paperwork for details

Contact details

We are shortly updating our internal records for all children which will include addresses, contact numbers and medical updates. We will be updating a year group at a time to make it manageable in the school office and will start next week with Y2. When you receive the contact sheet, please check all the details and amend as necessary or add details if, for example, medical circumstances have changed.

Things to do on a 'rainy or sunny' day

Staff are collating a free resource for parents with activities and challenges to try whilst your child is in the Infant School. The vast majority of activities have no cost or can be achieved using recycled materials or items readily available. I am hoping that this resource can be enhanced by a favourite thing that you do within your family and that you can share this with me and then it might appear in the resource that staff are making.

Therefore, my Head Teacher's challenge for this week (stickers will be issued to all participants who send me a contribution), will be to let me know something fun that you do at the weekends. For example, it might be to print a repeating pattern using left over carrot tops, to look at the face of a coin and find out as much as possible from the information on the coin (what it is worth, when it



was minted, who is features on it, how much it weighs) or maybe something outdoors that involves jumping/running or a timed activity.

I am very excited about receiving your ideas and will get plenty of stickers ready!

Thankfully we escaped the snow and ice and extensive rain this week. However, it is bitterly cold and I encourage you to send named hats and gloves to school with your child next week. Please do not send your child to school in any sort of boot as they need a comfortable pair of shoes to wear in school in the classroom, in the playground and walking up and down the stairs. In extreme weather, you may choose to send your child to school in 'wellies' but please name them and send in a pair of shoes for your child to wear during the day.

Keep warm, have a lovely weekend and have a go at my Head Teacher's challenge. I have never received more than 50 responses so perhaps I will be in for a surprise next week?

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher