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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the spring term 2018 to all the children and parents and especially to two new children who have joined us in Y1 and their families. In assembly today following some very tuneful singing, the children came up with a multitude of ideas for new year resolutions. I was so impressed with their suggestions, all of which are listed for you below:-

- To smile more often
- To write more neatly
- To read more often
- To be gentle
- To love people more
- To have good manners
- To sing more beautifully
- To listen more carefully
- To be more kind and helpful to everybody
- To know when to be quiet

It is quite humbling to hear their ideas and I cannot help but think what improvements could be made in our world generally if these resolutions could be followed more widely. The children had lots more ideas so this leads nicely into my first Head Teacher challenge of the year

Head Teacher's Challenge

To write (supported if needed) one New Year Resolution which needs to arrive on a piece of paper or e-mail for Monday morning so that I can read out ideas in assembly and award my new shiny stickers to each child who takes part. In assembly I asked how many resolutions we would have if every child took part added to the 10 that we collected in assembly and within a second of asking the question there was a flurry of hands and an answer of 280. I wonder how close to that figure we will achieve on Monday?

Santander Thank You

Grateful thanks to Santander who match funded our school Christmas raffle and have sent a cheque of £1495.00 to our PTFA charity account. The money is most welcomed and will be spent to benefit all the children.

The Infant School PTFA are currently refurbishing the library with some of the money and I will clip a picture to a newsletter once all the work has been completed.



Hats, gloves, coats and jumpers

The children look splendid in their hats, gloves, coats and jumpers, many of which were gifts at Christmas but most of which are not named. Please name each item and the hood of a coat if it is detachable. The forecast is for some colder weather so I am keen for children to be able to dress up warm when outside. Indoors the children are nice and warm so will often take off their sweatshirts or cardigans and for PE, everything except undergarments so it is important that everything is named. Thank you.

School dinner tasting day Monday 22nd January

All children, including those who regularly have a packed lunch, will have the opportunity to taste (vegetarian options available) items from the school menu in addition to the lunch that they have booked that day or the packed lunch that they have brought. This is a 'try' before you 'select' opportunity to encourage children to be more confident about their meal choices and particularly to give confidence to those children who daily choose a jacket potato but just need a little encouragement to try something different. Please discuss this opportunity with your child and ask them what they tried on that day.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend!

Please go onto the website under **Parents - Useful documents - Snow Closure Procedures** to remind yourselves of what to do in the event of snow.

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher