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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school. You need to know how pleased children were to see each other on the first day back of the new year. All staff on duty noticed, and commented on, happy and smiling faces at playtimes.

Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

If your family receives the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,910
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Income Support

Please come and talk to us in the office and we will help you fill out a form.

17th January is Census Day

Elements of our school budget are fixed on this day, so it's important to get an accurate picture, including those taking up Universal Free School Meals. If you intend your child to EVER have a hot lunch, they really do need to take one on that day. The menu is attached: Burger, or veggie nuggets and chips with baked beans, pudding is sticky toffee and apple, there are salad and fruit options as usual. As ever, we need children to be in school and on time this day.

Attendance at School

We will be calculating 100% attendance in order to provide certificates. If you receive one, thank you so much for encouraging good school attendance – we all know this is down to parents and wider family talking really positively about school as much as anything. We know there is a link between children with good attendance and academic success, so please contact either me, Mrs Langtree or Mr Viinikka if you have any worries about your child and their attitude to school – we are very happy to help in this area. Please discourage any absence, especially when not linked to illness (we can cope with most common ailments as long as these are not super-contagious), so grandparents and parents need to visit our website for term dates when booking holidays. Thank you for your support.

Warm Clothing

We need to ensure that children are physically active throughout the day and this includes outdoor games for PE as well as playtimes. We'd like children to have a warm coat in school every day, which they can fasten themselves, along with jogging bottoms and suitable footwear in their PE bag. Thank you.

Cello Lessons

Mr Merrick teaches cello at London Meed and has space to start a new beginners group. If you are interested in your child taking up the cello please contact him directly on (ethan.merrick@westsussexmusic.co.uk) and he would be happy to arrange a taster lesson.

Autumn Term Successes

Teaching and support staff have noticed and celebrated individual and group learning success with children. Children are willing to meet our raised academic expectations and we can see that children have responded positively to these. Thank you too, to parents for supporting children in Home Learning activities – especially when these involve learning multiplication tables.

Curriculum Maps

Please find curriculum maps for years 2, 4 and 6. All other year groups will follow next week.

Poster Competition – the winner is Angus!

We are pleased to announce the success of Angus' poster entry for the Sussex County FA Safeguarding Poster Competition that was recently held.

The image of his poster design will be incorporated into a safeguarding poster to be developed in the New Year.

Forthcoming Events

Clubs

Please find attached a list of the external and internal clubs that will be running this term.

Dance-mats lunch-time club

Please find attached information about a lunch-time club for KS1 on Thursdays and KS2 on Fridays.

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After School clubs

RMA Football will re-commence running their popular clubs on Monday 7th January (KS2) and Friday 11th January (KS1). If you do wish to sign your child up please use the following link:

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/RussellMartinFoundation?season=2566305>

Please find attached a flyer for Act Too Drama Club. This club is open to children in years 2-6 and they are actively looking for new recruits.