

4 January 2018

Dear Parents

2018

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a good break. Thank you so much for your kindness with all the lovely gifts and cards. They were wonderful and greatly appreciated.

It was nice to see the children very settled in school and raring to go.



Attendance

As I am sure you are aware it is very important to ensure that your children's attendance is maintained at a high level for them to benefit fully from their education, the Government target has moved up to at **least 96%** for each child, to maintain the new fast pace and high curriculum content. Please see attached notice. As you know Headteachers can no longer authorise holidays in term time. All requests for absence must be put in writing at least 2 weeks before the event as each case is reviewed individually to take into account "exceptional circumstances" as dictated by the DfE.

Just a reminder that the school gates open in the mornings at 8.35 a.m. and close at 8.45 a.m. after which time your child would need to be signed in at the office by an adult.



Building work

A quick update on our expansion another phase of the building work is about to start at the back of the school (key stage 2) so you will notice some fencing on that playground whilst the sports area is being relocated. To cater for the temporary reduction in the size of the playground, we are rescheduling playtimes and lunchtimes using the front part of Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms for the children to play on as well. At pick-up times in the afternoon for the next few weeks Year 3 and Year 4 will come out first (3.10 p.m.) followed 5 minutes later by Year 5 and Year 6 to avoid congestion around the exit door.

We will continue to update you as and when the building developments take place.

I wish you all a great 2018 and continue to look forward to working together for the good of all our children.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Easton'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs C Easton
Headteacher