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Welcome Back

Happy New Year to everyone. A very warm welcome to our new families and of course the return of Mrs James.

Website

Our new website is now live. The address is <u>www.academy.thomas</u>-<u>s.co.uk</u> and includes a calendar of upcoming events which was a suggestion from parents.

Christianity Week

We had a fantastic week at the end of last term learning about Christianity. It included visits to our local Church – St Dionis. The pupils finally got to perform their nativity stories which included some lovely songs. The week culminated in a sharing of what the pupils had learnt including songs, poetry and the Christian story of Christmas.

Christmas Jumper Day

We raised £170.00 at this event. The money will be shared between these three charities: Make a Wish Foundation, Macmillan Cancer Support and Save the Children.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to those pupils who are going to Kidzania on 13th January. This is a reward for good attendance last academic year and the Autumn term just finished. To participate fully in the lessons, it is essential that pupils are in the correct clothing. Please also ensure that P.E. kits are named in order that lost kit can be returned to correct person.

PE Kits

Dentist Visit

Dentists will be visiting the school on the week commencing 18th January. If your child is involved, you will receive a letter providing more information.

Sayers Croft

A meeting for parents and pupils will be held after school on 2nd February for those involved in this residential trip. Kit lists will be provided during this meeting.

After-School Clubs

We are very pleased to offer wide range of after-school clubs this term. Please let the office know by 8.1.16 which club you'd like your child to attend. All details are on the letter that was sent out on 6.1.16 but please see Anna in the office if you require further information.

Parents Community

Thanks to all the parents who helped organise the events last term including the disco and Santa's grotto. The events were very successful. The next meeting is on 8th January at 9am. Everyone is welcome.

Monthly Cake Sales

Reception raised £149.87 last month – well done. Next is the turn of year one on 8^{th} January. It is intended that this is run by parents and not staff so please help to sell cakes if you can.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open for pupils at 8am for those families that require it. The cost is ± 2 per day. Please let the office know if you are interested in your child attending.

Water Bottles

Please ensure children have a filled water bottle and that it is cleaned daily.

Reception Transfer

If your child turns 4 this academic year, the deadline for online applications for a reception place is 15th January. The website you need is:

www.eadmissions.org.uk

Please ask if you require support with this process.

Lateness

When pupils arrive late, they are required to 'sign in' in the reception area. This is because the class register would have been taken already. In addition, if pupils are collected more than 10 minutes late at the end of the day, the collecting adult will need to also sign them out in the reception area. Please be reminded that school starts at 8.50am.

Contact Information

Please ensure the office have been informed of any changes to your details in order that you receive all texts, emails and phone calls.