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Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday 10th January 2022

Happy New Year everyone. I hope that you all had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas break and managed to stay safe and healthy. Thank you for all the lovely cards, gifts and well wishes the staff received before the Christmas holiday; they were very much appreciated.

The children have all come back to school fully energised and ready to embrace all their new learning opportunities. They will be learning new knowledge and skills in art this half term and to help launch this we invited the artist James Parsons into school virtually to meet with all the children. James is also a bestselling author, storyteller and cartoonist. These workshops taught the children skills and knowledge in how to draw characters, animals and create cartoon effects and features. The results were just fantastic and the children really enjoyed the experience.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Dillan and his family who have joined in Yr. 6 in Swans class. We hope that you have enjoyed your first week and we all look forward to working with you.

Applications

The deadline for applications for children starting school in Reception in September 2022 is the **15th January**.

Special Lunch day

It has been very pleasing to see many of our pupils enjoying their school lunch on a daily basis.

We would like to celebrate school dinners by having one of our Special Lunch Days on Thursday 20th January to further inspire the uptake of dinners. **All children who opt for a school dinner that day will be entered into a draw to win one of 3 prizes.** Our menu for the day will be pizza and ice cream.

COVID-19

Thank you parents for your ongoing support and for communicating regularly with the school regarding testing and results. I would like to remind **all** parents that if you are concerned, have tested positive LFT, have tested positive PCR then we do need you to inform the school so that we can officially log this information and follow the procedures that we have in place. Many thanks.

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Wellbeing

It was wonderful to be able to welcome Bryony Moore from Invested Coaching into school today. Bryony will be delivering a series of workshops with the children that have been proven to calm the nervous system, regulate emotions within the body and heighten the "I CAN" programming in the brain. Emotional Freedom Technique, or EFT (often known as Tapping) is an energy therapy technique that can provide impressive results for physical, emotional, mental and performance enhancement. The children really enjoyed their sessions and we look forward to working with Bryony this term to support our children's wellbeing.

As always, thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or would like to discuss any matters please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

Best wishes,

Claire Flatman

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