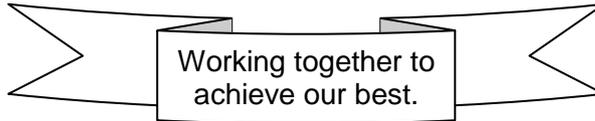




Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

We would like to welcome all the children back after the Christmas break and hope that you all had a lovely holiday. We would like to say a special welcome to our new pupil in Year 2 who started on Thursday.

Respect in January

Today, in assembly we introduced our value for this month. We are focusing on the value of respect and in today's assembly we talked about how we show respect to each other. The children came up with some fantastic ideas such as not talking over the top of others, listening to adults and each other, respecting the school environment and each other's property and speaking to each other in a kind and polite way. We talked in assembly how respect springs from our desire to be kind to each other and show care for the feelings of other people.

Applications for Starting School and Middle School

We have had an email from Admissions at Central Bedfordshire saying that they are still waiting for applications from parents of children due to start school and also those going onto middle school in September 2019. Please note that if you need to apply for a place for your child starting school or going onto middle school, this has to be done by Tuesday 15th January. If the Admissions Team receive applications after 15th January, they will be classed as late and will not be looked at until June 2018. It is therefore very important that your application is with the Admissions Team by Tuesday 15th January, 2019 – thank you.

Spare Tights

Our stock of tights has depleted and if anyone can donate some second hand tights to school, this would be greatly appreciated – thank you.

PE Kit

Several children have been coming round to the office to borrow a PE kit since we have returned from the holidays. Can you please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school and that it still fits – thank you for your co-operation.

Y4 St Albans Trip – Thursday 10 January

The Y4 children will need to wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch in disposable bags (no cans, glass bottles or chocolate please).

The full cost of this trip is £14.00 per child and the PTA have kindly donated £5.00 per child. We are therefore asking for a contribution of **£9.00 (to be paid via ParentPay)** per child. If you have not yet made your payment please do so before the date of the trip – thank you.

Clubs Update

Teddy Sport clubs start this Monday, 7th January, breakfast football on Monday and Breakfast Tennis Club on Tuesday.

Premier Sport Clubs start week beginning 14th January – Tuesday after school for archery and Wednesday Breakfast Club Cheerleading.

Please look at our website where you will find information about how to book for any sessions you wish.

Parent Forum

The initial meeting of our new parent forum will be taking place on Thursday 17th January at 2.30pm. We are very pleased that we have already had some parents expressing interest in taking part and we very much welcome their interest. We will be discussing a range of topics and talking about how the parent forum will work, setting out the areas we would like to cover in future meetings this year. We will be sending out a letter on Monday with a tear-off slip to complete if you are able to attend. Thank you in advance for your support.

Music lessons in School

Music sessions with our peripatetic teachers will begin again next week.

We would love more pupils to take up an instrument. If your child would like to learn viola, violin, piano, guitar or brass and you would like more information about how to apply, please pop into the school and a member of the Office team would be very happy to help you.

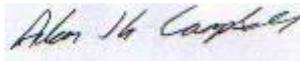
Use of the School Service Road

Everyone's safety in the school service road is of the utmost importance to us. Together with staff from Alameda Middle School, we will be working to keep children safe, by monitoring the use of the service road and car park. As we mentioned in the last newsletter before Christmas, this will include periodic inspections where the road will be coned off to ensure that permitted cars only enter the site.

Please support us by **NOT** entering the service road leading into our car park, unless you are dropping off children at Kids' Club.

Thank you for helping to keep children safe.

Yours sincerely,



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headteacher