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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year

A happy new year to you all! I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and that you were able to spend some quality time with your families and friends over the festive period. It feels as though normal service has resumed and we are all getting used to the early mornings once again.

Applications for Reception Places: September 2016

I would like to remind parents of children who will be starting school in September that the closing date for Reception places is **15th January**. Online applications can be made via the [Cheshire West and Chester Admissions](#) page.

Bluebell Nursery

We do have some places available in the Bluebell Nursery so if you know of any parents of nursery-aged children, do point them in our direction. If your child is currently in the nursery and you are thinking of increasing his/her hours, please speak to Mrs Edwards or Mrs Farmer as soon as possible. This month's Stay and Play session will run on **Wednesday, 20th January** from 10.00 until 11.30 am.

Bikeability

Well done to our Y5/6 pupils who completed their Bikeability training this week. Once again, the trainers were very impressed with the children who all made great progress with their cycling through the week.

Dinner Money and Tea Towels

Mrs Farmer would be very grateful if dinner money is paid in advance at the start of the week. Your child should hand in money and/or cheques (made payable to Cheshire West and Chester) to his/her class teacher. The cost of a school lunch is **£2.20**. School tea towels have now arrived and can be purchased from the school office for **£4**.

After-School Clubs

You have already received information about our Sportscape clubs which will run from next week on **Mondays (fencing Y1-Y4)** and **Tuesdays (football Y3-Y6)**. Although fencing is now full, there are some places available in football club so do let us know if your child would like to take part.

Trekkers will be running again on **Wednesdays** from **20th January** and a separate letter is being sent out today. Many thanks to Mrs Buckeridge and Mrs Black for continuing to provide this wonderful club for pupils from Reception to Year 4.

Our staff-led clubs will begin during the week beginning **18th January** and if your child is interested in taking part, please complete the request form and return it to school as soon as possible. The staff-led clubs on offer are as follows:

Day	Club	Age Group	Time
Monday	Marvellous Maths*	Y6 only	3.15 – 4.15 pm
Tuesday	Recorders	Y4 & Y5	Lunchtime
	Netball	Y3 – Y6	3.15 – 4.15 pm
Thursday	Reading Workshop*	Y6 only	3.15 – 4.15 pm
Friday	Choir	Y3 – Y6	Lunchtime

These clubs will run for **4** weeks before half term (during the weeks beginning **18th January, 25th January, 1st February** and **8th February**) and for **4** weeks after half term (during the weeks beginning **22nd February, 29th February, 7th March** and **14th March**). Please make a note of these dates to avoid confusion later in the term.

* Dates for our Y6 clubs will be sent out separately once numbers have been confirmed.

Please assume your child has a place in his/her choice of club/s unless you hear from the school. If your child joins a club, the school expects him/her to show a commitment through the term and sessions should not be missed unless you have let us know beforehand.

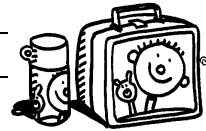
Christingle Collection

Last term's Christingle collection raised **£117.22** for The Children's Society. Many thanks to you and your children for filling up the Christingle candles with your generous donations.

Y3/4 Egyptian Afternoon: 15th January at 2.00 pm

Parents and family members of children in Years 3 and 4 are invited to a special afternoon to share the children's learning on **Friday** next week. The session will start at **2.00 pm** so please do come along if you can.

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 11th January 2016	
Monday	Gammon steak, potatoes and veg or vegetarian pasta Bolognese
Tuesday	Beef burger in a bun or jacket with cheese and beans
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Chicken pasta bake or jacket potato with cheese
Friday	Cheese and tomato omelette or fish goujons



Collective Worship

Our theme for the half term is *Courage* and this week we have been thinking about stepping out of our comfort zone. Perhaps you could share with your child something that you have done that was outside your comfort zone. What small steps did you have to take to overcome your doubts or worries? A group of children shared this acrostic poem with the whole school on Tuesday. You could talk with your child about which line best describes courage.

Courage is...



- C**arrying on when things are difficult
- O**vercoming fear
- U**nderstanding and facing a challenge
- R**isking being out of your comfort zone
- A**lways believing in God's promises
- G**oing for a goal
- E**mpowered by encouragement

Have a wonderful weekend! I hope that 2016 is a happy, healthy and prosperous year for you all.

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Name of child Year group

Please tick to indicate your child's club choices.

I would like my child to attend staff clubs and will make arrangements for him/her to be collected from school at the end of the club (if appropriate)

Signed

Club	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marvellous Maths (Y6)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recorders (Y4/5)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Netball (Y3-6)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading Workshop (Y6)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choir (Y3-6)	<input type="checkbox"/>