Happy New Year and welcome back to all our families!

I hope you all had a restful Christmas and peaceful New Year ready to get our Spring Term started. The term started well on the 4th January; all the children returned to school enthusiastic and ready to learn and I’m sure this will continue throughout 2018.

Forthcoming Diary Dates & News

15th January: Admissions Deadline

Please remember, you must apply for a primary school place for children starting school in September 2018 by Monday 15th January 2018

Friday 26th January – Cultural Celebration Day & Cultural Evening

On 26th January we will be having a day of cultural celebration. This will then be followed by a Cultural Evening where families can share aspects of their culture or cultures that they are particularly interested in by way of, for example, a dance, song, poem etc. This event will be taking place in the School Hall from 6 pm and is open to both pupils and their families. Further details are on Mrs Dada’s letter of 5th January sent home with students. Please complete and return to school the tear off slip at the bottom of the letter.

To enable this event to go ahead, Mrs Dada needs more families to share aspects of their culture.

Sharing Assemblies

Friday 9th February – Year 2
Friday 23rd February – Year 3
Friday 2nd March – Year 5
Friday 9th March – Year 1
Friday 16th March – Year 4
Friday 23rd March - Reception

Parents / Carers of children in that year group are welcome to join us on the day

Safer Internet Week

Further to my recent letter, Monday 5th – Friday 9th February will be Safer Internet Week.

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**Lateness**

Please ensure children arrive to school on time each day. At this school we have an expectation that children will be on time every day and this is as important as them attending each day. Children who are continually late are likely to be referred to the Greenwich Attendance Officer.

**Childcare Arrangements**

Can I remind parents / carers that if the childcare arrangements of your child/children changes (for whatever reason) and you give permission for a relative to have temporary care, you must inform the school providing us with all the relevant information: name, address and contact numbers. For safeguarding reasons, we must have all the details in place.

**Parking Problems**

Once again, the School Governors and I urge all families to park considerately and safely for the sake of all children in school, local residents and pedestrians using the pavements.

***REMINDER***

Please can we remind all Parents / Carers that nuts are prohibited in school i.e. in packed lunches or in birthday treats/gifts. This is due to some of our children having very severe allergies.

**After School Clubs 2018 (run by External Providers)**

All After School Clubs will start week commencing 15th January 2018 (including Choir).

**Please ensure that all children are collected promptly when the clubs finish at 4.30 pm.**

**Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs (to be run Internally by St Thomas More Primary)**

Further to a very good response from parents who would be interested in using this service, I can confirm that this will be going ahead.

However, we are still finalising costs, dates and times. Once this has all been decided, I will be back in touch with parents / carers to update all the information.

**Lost Property**

Please can you check the children have all their school uniform and if you are missing anything, please check the lost property box (which due to the weather is currently kept in the School Office). We will soon be taking any unclaimed items to a charity shop.
School Uniform

As we move into the colder part of the year I would like to remind you that pupils may wear a plain navy jumper or cardigan, a plain blue coat and black shoes (not boots). It is important that your child is dressed for outdoor play. They may wear a hat, gloves (or mittens) and a scarf also.

Jewellery is not permitted

***Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled ***

PE Kits

All pupils must have a PE kit in school, ready to take part in sport activities on any day of the week. The sportswear consists of a white t-shirt, red shorts and plimsolls or trainers. It is important that all pupils are ready to take part in their PE lessons. During colder weather, pupils may wear a plain navy track suit for outside activity.

TERM DATES

SPRING TERM
Term 3 Thursday 4th January – Friday 9th February 2018
School Holiday Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2018
Term 4 Monday 19th February – Thursday 29th March 2018
School Holiday Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April 2018

SUMMER TERM
Term 5 Monday 16th April – Friday 25th May 2018
School Holiday Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018
Term 6 Monday 4th June – Friday 20th July 2018
Monday 2nd July INSET DAY NO ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENTS
SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR STUDENTS ON TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Snow

Should we need to close the school due to adverse weather conditions I will update the school website. Unless stated otherwise, the school will be open.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wood
Head Teacher

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