

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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Dear All,

This is just a brief letter today to wish you all a belated Happy New Year; as you will know, newsletters are fortnightly. I think we're all agreed that the Christmas break flew by in a flash and incredibly, the new year is already ten days old.

We have returned to school with gusto; the staff team were at school on Monday for our INSET, with a full day's training that focused on phonics and spelling, with a view to both improving reading and strengthening spelling systems in school. On Tuesday, the school became alive again with the sound of children carrying out a multitude of activities: singing their hearts out in the hall, enjoying fitness activities, excitement with painting toucans, researching WW2 and much more besides; wonderful.

This term, the leadership team will begin focusing on Home Learning, looking at the existing approaches and canvassing your valued thoughts. Home Learning is always a much-debated topic and an aspect of school life that can be difficult to suit everyone. Therefore, another parent survey will be coming home to you this term. I urge as many of you as possible to please complete the survey so that the changes we make – and there will be changes – can be informed by your thoughts as much as possible.

Again, with the extremely cold weather we are experiencing, we would be grateful if all children are suitably wrapped up against the elements. At breaktimes, it is the fingers that seem to be suffering most! Purely as a reminder, attached to this newsletter, is the letter you received in November about our snow and severe weather procedures . . . just in case.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Akers  
Headteacher