

Dear Everyone,

Happy New Year!

It is a pleasure to welcome you all back to learning and to have seen so many smiling faces at the gates on Thursday morning.

I recently came across some words by the Classical Philosopher Aristotle:

"We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."

At school the children would say, have a **Positive Mental Attitude, Take a Risk and Keep Trying!**

So, what aims do you hope to achieve in the coming weeks, months and years? How will you achieve them? Aristotle would say, just keep doing it and you'll get there: We all have the power to form our own good habits. With that in mind, Mrs Scourfield, our Science coordinator, will be offering hands on Science experiences at Parent Fridays this half term (see letter.) If one of your aims is to be even better at supporting your child's learning, why not try and make the time to come and learn with them. If you can't make it - the demands of a job for instance - find out what experiment happened and have a go at home - all the activities will be simple and easily repeatable in your own home. I look forward to seeing and hearing about how you all had fun experimenting, generating questions and guessing why things happen the way they do.

Here is to us all forming some even better habits this year!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Roberts

Home-School Agreement

This Week's Agreement Extract is from the children's section

To help me at school,
I will talk at home about what I learn at school.

Please talk with your children about what they do and learn at school; they may have some exciting news about new topics. Why not look at the school blog to help jog memories!

Clubs

Watford **Football** Club passed us their letter on Wednesday and we e-mailed it out through SchoolComms; please apply direct.

Tennis and **Judo** letters were sent out last term. Again, please apply direct.

School-Run Clubs (& PlayRangers)

For those that applied on time, your child should come home today with a separate slip for each club saying whether your child has a place or is on the waiting list. (If you applied on time and did not receive a slip today, please contact the school office.)

For those with a place at **Boxing Club**, please pay the £50 fee, via SchoolComms, before the first lesson.

Spaces

At the time of writing we have a few spaces at all our school-run clubs (except Yrs N-2 Boxing) and at Play Rangers. If you have not applied and would like a place, please text via SchoolComms giving your child's forename, surname, class and the club name. These will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Please do this by Sunday so we can create the registers ready for Monday – this will also allow us time to send home the confirmation slips for these late applications on Monday afternoon.

Swimming

Years 4/5's lessons will start NEXT MONDAY, 8th January.

The Student Council Weekly News Report



To Maple Cross

Welcome Back! We hope you had a very merry Christmas and we wish you a Happy New Year!

As you can see on the blog, we went to the local food bank and, thanks to you, we gave them the £231.30 that you helped us raise, from the Year 1 and 2 play and also from the church.

From The Student Council



Letters Sent Home This Week

- Whole School - Consultation on Home School Agreement
- **action needed**
- Whole School - Parent Friday information
- Reception – selected pupils - Information about phonics teacher
- Year 4 & 5 Swimmers - Payment details for this term – **action required**
- Those that applied for clubs
- Confirmation slips

DIARY DATES

January 2018

W/C Monday 8th

Monday 8th

W/C Monday 15th

Clubs start

Year 4/5 swimming starts

Year 6 Mock SATs

February 2018

Thursday 1st

Friday 9th

Monday 12th

- Friday 16th

Thursday 22nd

Yr 4 choir – O2 – Young Voices

School Council – Tea Party for the Elderly

Half Term Holiday

Year 5 – Math Challenge

March 2018

Monday 5th

Thursday 8th

Monday 19th

Thursday 29th

Year 4 – Maths Challenge
School Health – Reception Health Check

FGB Meeting

End of Term,
school closes 1:30pm

April 2018

Tuesday 3rd -Friday 13th Easter Play Scheme

