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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year to all. I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and are ready for our new term. We have enjoyed listening to all the children's exciting tales about Christmas and are glad our mischievous elves have returned to the north pole once again! The children have returned to school happily and are showing great excitement about our new topic of 'Superhero's'

We will be looking at the different areas the children chose to play in and will be developing their play and interactions and conversations with each other. We will explore friendships and link into feelings and how to solve any problems. We are spending time outdoors and enjoying the cold weather so please ensure your child has a hat, gloves, wellies and a warm coat for outdoor play. The children have all worked so hard putting on and fastening their own coats and putting their wellies and shoes on independently. Thank you for your support at home with this- we can see they have been practicing hard! The children will continue to wear their PE clothes on their PE day for the full day and our PE day has returned to FRIDAY. The children should be in school uniform Mon to Thurs and PE sportswear on Fridays. Please ensure children have suitable change of clothes in school every day including underwear and socks.

The children have worked really hard in their first term and have made great progress especially with learning their Letters and Sounds. Please spend time reading your child's reading book and talk about the pictures in the books discussing what is happening and why and what might happen next. Tricky words have been sent home and your child will need to know these words on sight. This will build their confidence and support both their reading and writing.

Snack money for this half term is £6.00 please send this into school before Friday 21st January. This helps us to provide healthy snacks for the children each day and contributes towards baking ingredients and other consumables.

We were hoping to invite parents into school for a stay and play session but unfortunately following guidance we are still unable to do this but fingers crossed as soon as we are able to we will arrange this. As always please feel free to chat to us each morning or evening and if you would like to speak to us feel free to arrange a time to do so.

To enable us to explore and build using junk modelling please could you donate any empty and clean cardboard egg boxes, small food boxes and kitchen rolls (no toilet rolls please!). This will help us to replenish our stock and enable the children to create and develop their imaginations further.

We have a Student Teacher 'Miss Corns' joining us from 31st January and we have lots of exciting things planned. I'm sure the children will welcome her to the team and enjoy working with her alongside myself and Mrs Hallam.

Here are a few dates for your diary:

Tuesday 1st February- Chinese New Year Celebration.

Wednesday 9th February- Super Hero day. Children to come to school dressed as their favourite superhero.

Friday 11th February- School Closes (1 Week) - Half Term.

Future dates

School opens- Monday 21st February 2022.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Ironside & Mrs Hallam

