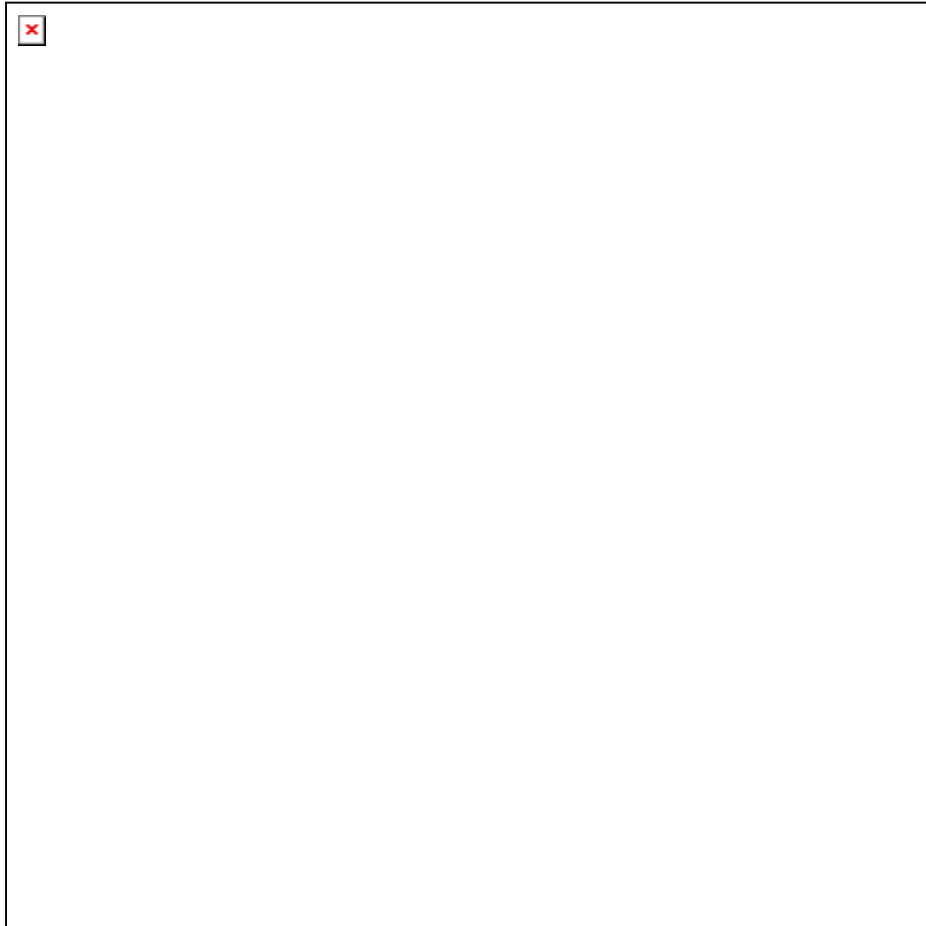


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Dear Parents,

I can't believe that January has already passed; it only seems like yesterday that it was Christmas. I refuse to accept that time speeding by is related to age!! I am still managing to stick to my new years resolutions, I hope you all are too!!

Kind regards,

Kirsti Nelson.

Lateness

There are several children who are coming into school late. Can I remind all parents that the children leave the playground at 8.50 for Wake and Shake and that they should be in school for this time, 8.55 at the latest. Children who are coming in after this time to Wake and Shake are recorded and this is marked in the register. Late marks are monitored, as are unauthorised absences, and will be notified to the Educational Social Worker.

If your child is going to be absent from school please notify the school office by 9.10am so we can amend the registers. If we do not know why your child is absent, the office will ring to confirm to ensure your child's safety.

Mrs Law returns!

I am pleased to be able to tell you that Mrs Law will be back with us from next week. She has been monitoring the work that Rowan Class have been doing and is looking forward to being back in the classroom. A big thank you goes to Mr Owen who

has done a brilliant job teaching Rowan in Mrs Law's absence.

Recycling

There is a box in the entrance hall for you to put all of your old ink cartridges and mobile phones. These will be sent to a company for recycling and as an added bonus, they will give a donation of money to the school.

Extreme weather

There are forecasts of snow ahead and I thought it was a good idea to remind everybody of the arrangements for extreme wintry weather conditions.

Should we experience icy or snowy conditions, every effort will be made to clear or de-ice the footpaths around the school buildings.

In the event of severe weather, every effort will be made to keep the school open, even if only limited numbers can attend. The school phone will have a message recorded on it to inform you if the school is to be closed. It will also be announced on our radio station, Orchard FM.

Sainsbury's vouchers

Our school will be participating in the Sainsbury's Active Kids 2007 initiative this year. You will receive a token for every £10 you spend in the store and we will have a collection box for these in the entrance hall. Please encourage family and friends to collect them for us as well so we can reach a record target!

Leading Learning Programme

Our school spelling focus has been very successful and I hope you have noticed a change in the way your children are learning spellings at home.

Teachers have definitely noticed an improvement in class.

The next school focus will be punctuation and teachers will be targeting each child in their class to move their knowledge of this part of writing forward. I am sure this will be equally successful and I know standards of writing will improve.

2007/08 school term dates

I have enclosed a copy of the school term dates for the next academic year with this newsletter.

There are 5 INSET days to be confirmed and I will let you know these when they are decided. One of them will be Friday 19th October 2007.

The school will be used as a polling station for local elections on Thursday 3rd May 2007. The school will be closed on this day.

Staplegrave Local Action Team (SLAT)

A group has been set up to address local concerns in our area. This includes such issues as traffic controls and activities for young people in Staplegrave. There are already representatives from the local council, police, parish council and the school on the committee but we are looking to expand. If you are interested in being part of this group, please let me know. There will be a survey

coming to all households in Staplegrove to find out your views so please help us by completing it when it drops through your door!!

Water Bottles

Just a reminder, that there should only be water in the water bottles that the children have in the classroom to use throughout their lessons. Water re hydrates the brain and we encourage the children to drink as often as they can to enhance their ability to learn. We will be checking!!!!!!

Car parking

There are still people parking across driveways as they drop off and pick up children. Please be considerate to our neighbours. One person could not get out of their drive on Monday and were consequently late for work. Thank you for your consideration.