



SPRING TERM 1 NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2019

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I pray that you are all well and that you and your family enjoyed a well-earned rest during the holiday, after what was a very hectic Autumn term. We have all returned to school with our batteries fully re-charged, and we are looking forward to another exciting term. A couple of general reminders are always helpful at the start of a new term: please could parents ensure that they read with their child/children on a regular basis. This input is really beneficial and helps to build confidence and a love of reading in our children. Please remember to sign the reading record and make any comments that you wish to. A lot of children are looking very smart in new items of uniform- please check that all items of clothing are named. This helps in the event of items going astray.

JZK/Thank you for your ongoing and fantastic support of our school.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES AND SNACKS

Just a reminder that we are a healthy school and we promote a healthy snack as well as a healthy lunch. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD IN WITH CRISPS, CHOCOLATES & OTHER SUGARY FOODS OR DRINKS** as snacks and please remember, due to the number of children in school with severe allergies, please do not send in to school nuts or nut products. Thank you/JZK

School Lunches

Please make sure that you select your child's meals (including the packed lunch) by the Friday of the preceding week, at the latest. It is possible to book all meals for your child for the whole term. In the event of a child missing their lunch, due to illness, then school can arrange for a refund. In response to feedback from Parent Shuraa it is now possible to select the sandwich your child would like for their packed lunch on Friday.

Health and Safety Update

As some of you may be aware before the holiday the school experienced an influx of mice into the school building. I wish to reassure parents that we have worked closely with both Star Academies and our building team to deal quickly and effectively with this issue and also that there was no risk to children's health. A final inspection of the site during the recent holiday confirmed that the problem has now been resolved. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and take any further actions as necessary.

Winter Gift Programme

I would like to say a massive JZK/Thank you for the truly fantastic response to our Winter Gift programme. We were thrilled with the beautifully wrapped donations that were sent into school. All the gifts were delivered by Mrs Forshaw and the Pupil Shuraa. We enjoyed visiting the residents of New Brook House, and saying a big thank you to the staff on the children's ward at Preston Royal hospital who promised to pass on all our gifts. The Salvation Army sent a letter saying how much they appreciated our support in sending food and other items to the food bank. JZK/Thank you!

PRINCIPAL'S SURGERY

The NEXT Principals Surgery is on **Thursday 24th January** between the hours of 3pm and 5pm. No appointment necessary

Keeping Safe Campaign

We had a fabulous response to our Olive Preston Keeping Safe competition. The standard of entry was very high indeed, with some very powerful and important messages shared. JZK/Thank you to parents for helping your children with their entries. We were delighted to accept the kind invitation to visit SIKA, who helped with the judging. The children learnt about some of the jobs that people who work in this organisation do, and enjoyed a tour of the offices.

Uniform Plea

Parent Shuraa suggested having a "Nearly New" Uniform facility to pass on good quality uniform to other parents. If you have any items of uniform that your child has grown out of please keep hold of them. We will collect clean item of clothing shortly before the next parents evening in March.