

Friday 10th January 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a wonderful break. It was good to see all the pupils back in school on Tuesday. This term we welcome Ali who will be teaching in our new class Westcroft, this will be established after February half term. We also welcomed Jess and Kayleigh back from maternity leave.

Di's assembly this week was based on new year celebrations. We learnt about traditions in some cultures and tried some new food and drink. Finished with a good sing and a dance as always.



Pantomime

We were lucky to have the panto back in school again this week - oh yes we were! The performance this year was Cinderella. The pupils (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to everyone for all of your kind donations.



Changes to the Friday Letter and End of Term Class Newsletters

As I am sure you all will be aware the impact of the workload of teachers and school staff affecting their health and wellbeing is a major focus at present. The Leadership Team at school have had many in-depth discussions as to how to help reduce teacher workload in line with national guidance. As a result, we have decided to reduce the number of Friday letters that are published, presently to two per half term, one for the first week of term and one for the last week of the half term.



In addition, there will no longer be any end of term class newsletters, but a short news article from each class will be included in the Friday letter at the end of each half term.

Currently we will continue to publish a weekly web picture from each class group, but this will be reviewed in the Summer Term in preparation for any changes to be made in September at the start of the new school year.

Any information that it is important for parents / carers to know will be published either on our school closed Facebook Page or via Sims Mail. If you have not signed up for either of these then it may well be useful to do so.



Email contact with Teachers

Further to the letter which was sent out earlier this week, please could I remind everyone that all email contact with teachers is to be sent to the parent email address - parents@theredway.net

This will then be attended to and a response given within 48 hours, during term time. Should you email school during a holiday a response will be given upon return to school.

Thank you for your support with this.



Emergency School Closures

This time of year can be a challenging one - especially with the weather should it turn inclement. Could I ask you all to sign up to the emergency school closures text messaging service which is run by Milton Keynes Council. Should we have to close school for any reason, details will then be sent to you via this service, details of which are on the council's website.

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 17th January - Transitions Department closed for training.
- Thursday 23rd January - Parent info and coffee morning.
- Friday 24th January - Café reopens.
- Monday 3rd February - MFL Week - Japan focus.
- Friday 14th February - Break up for half term.
- Monday 24th February - School reopens.

Immersive Room

Our fantastic new immersive room is now active. This room offers virtual reality features with 360 videos enabling the pupils to experience various scenes such as a walk through the forest, a snowy landscape and a trip on a train! We can even experience hand gliding and go as far as space!



Have a lovely weekend everyone

Ruth

