

9 January 2019

Dear Families,

### **Spring Term**

Welcome back to school. We hope you all enjoyed the holidays.

#### **Parent Governor**

We have a parent vacancy on the Governing Body, it would be great to have a representative from our parents to help us to keep in mind the impact of school on parents and children. There are only 4 meetings per year, so it isn't too many and they are usually on Friday mornings. If you would be interested in the role please could you let me know.

#### **OBE Award**

As you may have seen from our school twitter feed, we are delighted to say our Chair of Governors – Ruby Bhatti, was awarded an OBE in the New Year's Honours list. This is in recognition of all her hard work both within schools and within the other social enterprise projects.

#### **Breakfast Club**

The new "Magic" Breakfast club has been launched and the children seem to be enjoying the bagels. The children are now coming in through the main office, in order to self-register on the electronic sign in (this helps us to monitor the numbers of pupils attending). If you would like your child to attend please bring them to school between 8 and 8.20am. The club is free of charge.

#### **Twitter**

There is always lots going on at school. We don't like to send out too many letters so if you want to stay up to date follow our twitter account - @dixonsmnp or follow it through our website account. Lots of photos and information about our children's amazing achievements.

#### **Parental and Pupil Questionnaire**

The outcomes from the parent questionnaire were very positive. Over 95% agreed that the school is doing a great job with the pupils. There are some parents who are unaware of our weekly homework and behaviour expectations. If you would like to discuss any area of school life we are always more than happy to meet with you.

The children's questionnaire showed a growing understanding about a healthy diet and exercise; but there were some concerns from children about not attending dentists (regularly) or brushing their teeth at bedtime. There was also concern about how to contact the emergency services. These will be areas that we address over the coming year, but it would be helpful if you could also discuss these at home.

#### **Snow**

It is that time of year, so I thought I'd share with all our new parents what happens when there is heavy snow. We do allow our children to play out in the snow (provided there is no ice), so please ensure they are wrapped up warmly. We always try our hardest to remain open, but if we have to close due to dangerous conditions then a text will be sent before 8am and a message will be put up on our school website.

Please make sure that your **contact details are up to date** with the Office so that you do not miss any important communications.

Kind Regards



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Principal

