

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

As we approach the end of the first term I wanted to write to you to celebrate the success of your children's transition into primary school.

We have been very proud of the way the children have settled into school life. Each day has brought new learning and with that some challenges for the children to overcome. We have been impressed with their resilience and perseverance, but above all the way they have learned to develop and maintain new friendships with their peers.

They have even learned how to put on a great performance as you were able to see last week at their Christmas Nativity!

Over the Christmas break we are asking that parents support their children to continue to develop their independence through focussing on practical day to day skills such as folding their clothes, practising pulling the zip up after putting on their coats, learning which shoe is the correct one to put on the right foot and using cutlery correctly to scoop food.

Once the new year celebrations have subsided, please begin to prepare your child for the return to school. We are sending a calendar home with your child to help with this. They may begin to feel a bit anxious before the return, so please do speak with them about it. This will reassure them.

From 9<sup>th</sup> January (day after the return to school) we are kindly requesting that parents do not come into the classroom when they drop their child to school. Please do speak to staff in the playground and in the entrance to Reception if you need to, but we would like to encourage you to speak to the Reception team at the end of the day, so they can provide you with the time needed. If it is urgent and you have not been able to speak to a member of the Reception team, please leave a message with the main school office and they will ensure this is passed on to the team.

We are already looking forward to welcoming your children back to school in a few weeks time.

On behalf of the Reception staff team we wish you and your families a peaceful Christmas break.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Sandra Solanki  
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