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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

We hope you all enjoyed a fun-filled family holiday. It was lovely to welcome back the children on Tuesday and see that they had all enjoyed their Christmas break. The children are raring to go with their new topics- 'People Who Help Us' for Reception, 'Ice, Fire and Water' for Year 1 and 'Going Wild' in Year 2. Look out for the topic overviews and homework information coming out very soon.

Parent workshops

On **Monday 25th January** we will be holding a **Parents Information session / workshop on Kinetic Letters, our Handwriting programme**. Mrs Meek will be sending out further information and with reply slips to sign up for a session. The intention is these sessions will be fun and practical so you can see the kinds of experiences your child has at school to help develop their handwriting and give you some simple practical ideas to practise at home.

Later in the term we shall also be holding a parents Maths workshop along the same lines so please keep a lookout for information on that.

School meals Prize draw

On **Thursday 21st January** Kingswood, our school meals providers, are promoting our free school meals by offering a prize draw. Every child who is booked in and eats a school meal on 21st January will be entered into the draw to win a **£30 Odeon cinema voucher**. Please remember that meals need to be booked online by the Wednesday of the week before (13th January for that particular week) or by visiting the school office for paper ordering by Monday 11th January.

Have your circumstances changed?

If your working or living arrangements have recently changed or if you have never applied, it may be worth seeing if your child is eligible for **pupil premium funding**. This funding is received by the school and is used to directly support your child's learning- through additional 1-1 / group teaching time, resources to take home, subsidised clubs and much more. You can apply online at <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/EducationandLearning/Parents/school-meals/meals/Pages/apply.aspx> (please ignore the fact this says 'free school meals' –this is the correct application for pupil premium funding)

OR

On **Monday 11th January from 3.15-4.15pm** there will be a **drop-in session at school** to apply online using the school computers.



Family Reading

Family reading will continue on Thursdays 2.45-3.05pm (with the exception of Thursday 11th February). Thank you so much to all of you who are able to support this. I know how much the children enjoy you coming in to read with them.

Theatre group

On Tuesday 2nd February the children are being treated to a performance by M&M Theatre Productions, of Sleeping Beauty. The theatre company will be in school for the morning and perform to the whole school. How fantastic!

Year 2 parents / carers-

Have you applied for your child's place at Junior school?

This MUST be done by 5pm on **Friday 15th January** at

https://eduweb.northamptonshire.gov.uk/CCSEnterprise_Admissiononline_LIVE/

Pease speak to the school office if you have any questions about this.

Dates for the term

- Pupil Premium application drop-in- 3.15-4.15pm - Monday 11th January**
- Deadline for meal orders for week commencing 18.1.16 – Wednesday 13th January**
- Deadline for Junior School place applications- Friday 15th January**
- Year 2 Open Afternoon- Tuesday 19th January 2pm *(Separate letter to follow)***
- School meals prize day – Thursday 21st January**
- Parents Handwriting Workshop- Monday 25th January (3 sessions)**
- Sleeping Beauty performance in school- Tuesday 2nd February**

Thank you for your on-going support of the school. We are looking forward to working with you and your child for another exciting term.

Yours sincerely,

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