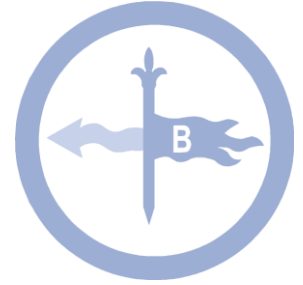


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CARING CHILDREN LOVING LEARNING



19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

No. 5

Dear Parents/Carers

### MUGA

We are hopeful that we will be able to have the MUGA repaired shortly after Christmas(dependent on weather). The problem identified has resulted in us having to lay a new surface at a very high cost. However we are hopeful that the new surface once in place will last in excess of ten years. Until this time space at playtime will continue to be limited and I would urge KS2 children to bring in waterproof trousers and old trainers/wellies so that they can access the field at lunchtimes.

### Starfish Malawi

Thank you for your generous donations following the carol service and nativity this year. We have raised £370.42 which is fantastic. In the new year we will be looking into how we can best support Maganga school. The children have already suggested some great ideas for us to consider.

### Car Park

Please can you ensure that children are closely supervised at the beginning and end of the school day in and around the school car park and school grounds. Recently a staff member's car was damaged when it was in the car park and we have noticed that at times children are running in amongst the cars and that parents are sometimes leaning on cars.

Please also remember that when the gates are opened there are two gates so if you allow your child to run ahead of you they will be able to get out of the school grounds- thank you.

### School Dinners

Recently the numbers of children either coming to school without dinner money or without credit on ParentPay has increased substantially. The contract between ESCC and Chartwells specifically states 'under no circumstances should the Contractor allow debts' and 'the Council **does not** have a budget to cover debts under these conditions'. Could you please ensure your child has either £2.10 in cash or credit on their ParentPay account to pay for their dinner. From January you will be telephoned and asked to provide a packed lunch if your child doesn't have dinner money or money on ParentPay.

### Absences and Illness

In line with the regulations from Public Health England we have changed our illness policy. Children who are generally unwell should be kept at home and we would request that all children are kept at home for at least 48 hours after occasions of vomiting or diarrhoea.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for supporting Christmas Jumper Day. The children looked fantastic as always and we managed to raise £137.40 for Save the Children which is brilliant.

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## Reading results term 2

	Pluto	Merc	Mars	Venus	Neptune	Jupiter
Term 2 03/11/2017	57%	86%	93%	90%	87%	97%
10/11/2017	62%	79%	86%	94%	100%	100%
17/11/2017	52%	76%	73%	84%	97%	97%
24/11/2017	57%	62%	83%	84%	97%	94%
01/12/2017	76%	62%	83%	66%	84%	100%
08/12/2017	52%	66%	83%	72%	58%	94%
15/12/2017	43%	79%	80%	56%	77%	97%
Average	57%	73%	83%	76%	86%	96%

I would urge parents of Pluto children to read regularly with their children. Research consistently shows that reading is the key to educational success, sharing a book with your child is also a lovely experience. Please remember that the book you share does not have to be a school book, it is fine for it to be a book from home or from the library. The time spent does not need to be long- in fact little and often is usually more successful when children are young. Older children once fluent can and should read independently as this will allow them to access more complex texts and develop reading stamina. It is important that you do sign the reading record as then we know you have either heard your child read or know they have read independently and the reads then go towards the weekly raffle ticket. Thank you for your support.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely



Debbie Gilbert  
Headteacher

Dates for Term 3 and 4	
2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2018	INSET day 3
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Term 3 starts for children
<b>11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Y5 swimming starts</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Y2 to Brighton Synagogue and museum- tbc more details to follow</b>
<b>12.2.18-16.2.18</b>	<b>February break</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Term 4 starts</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>The Big Dance in T Wells for Y6- details to follow</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parent Consultations 5.30pm-8.00pm</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Parent Consultations 4.00pm-6.30pm</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y3/4 play 6pm</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y3/4 play 2pm</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Egg rolling 2pm LAST day of term 4</b>
<b>30.3.18-15.4.18</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Term 5 starts</b>

We intend to print the dates for the term with each Newsletter; please note that this chart will be updated as new events are planned with new events appearing in **BOLD** text.

