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Dear Parents,

First of all, a very happy new year to everybody- I hope that 2015 brings you all you could wish for.

Also, we would like to welcome Richelle Kettlety to Wren Class in Miss Jell's absence. Richelle will be working Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and Mrs Nixon will be working Mondays and Tuesdays. We will let you know as soon as we have any news about Miss Jell.

Playground reminders

Now that we have had a term for the new Reception children to settle in, could all parents please remember that whilst we don't mind those with children up to Year 2 to wait on the playground in the mornings, we do want to encourage the children to be independent as soon as possible and would ask that you drop them and go if you can. If you do want to continue to wait, then please:

- Wait at the side of the playground near the outside classroom (or in it if you prefer)
- Do not wander around the playground- the teacher on duty needs clear sight of the all the children for safety reasons
- Do not go to the classrooms with your child. All teachers try to be outside just before the bell if there is an urgent message to convey
- Keep all younger siblings within your reach and sphere of influence!

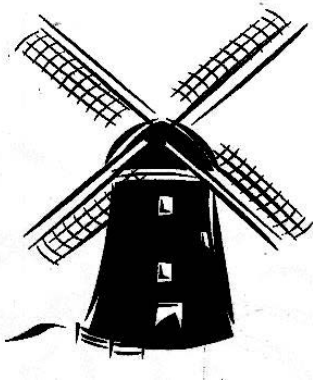
If you need to give a message to a teacher, or need to see your child's teacher for any reason, then please go into the office and they will try and locate the teacher for you or, if it is not a good time, arrange an appointment (which would usually be after school the same day). Please do not just turn up in a classroom without checking at the office first.

Author visit: Author Luke Temple will be visiting next Tuesday, 13th January, to work with Key Stage 2. This will be Luke's third visit and this time he will be talking about his new series of books "Felix Dashwood". Luke will return to school on the afternoon of 15th January for a book signing. A letter will be sent out next Tuesday with an order form should you wish your child to have a book (which all cost £5.99). To check out more about Luke or his books visit www.luketemple.co.uk



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Wren Class nativity: Christmas in the Toy Shop.

What a brilliant occasion that was! It seems that it is always worth checking in your toy box before you go to sleep at Christmas time!



Yellow team cooking treat: Well done the Yellow team for being overall team point winners last term. The children had such fun making their own little Olafs! Thank you to Sharon Bird, Karen Murty and Sarah Wayne.



Nursery Christmas party: Once again, a lovely time was had by all.



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Extended School: We are currently looking for bank staff to work in the after school club. If you would be interested in working even one session a week, please speak to Rachael Wolstenholme or Ally Cromack.

After School Club: due to the ever-increasing popularity of the after-school club it is unlikely that we will be able to accept any ad hoc bookings (ie on the day). If you know that you are going to need a place at the club, please make sure you book as far in advance as possible.

Breakfast club: again, owing to an increase in demand for the Breakfast Club, it will occasionally take place in the hall rather than nursery – so don't panic if you find nursery deserted; check the hall!

Carol Service: if anyone took any photos or video footage during the carol service, could Mr Underhill please have copies as evidence towards our Sing-up Award.



A message from Children's University:

We hope everyone had a good time over the Christmas holidays and that the students enjoyed completing the Winter Activity Challenges. We would like to encourage schools to display the work and to send us pictures and information of any outstanding work so we can share this in our newsletter and social media pages. To clarify, students need to bring in evidence of each challenge they completed into school (this can include, posters, scraps books, etc.) and they can earn one hour's worth of stamp for each activity. Although the rule for Norfolk CU is that students can only earn a maximum of 10 stamps per an activity, per a term; as this activity sheet included a variety of different challenges, students can earn up to 20 stamps.

Great Ormond Street Hospital: Many of you will be aware that one of our former pupils is seriously ill and currently in Great Ormond Street. Some people have asked about the possibility of supporting the family by fund-raising for the hospital. The Friends are currently working on a response to these requests, and it is likely that there will be an event in school at some point, but if anyone would like to donate in the meantime, there is a Just Giving site set up for that purpose: <https://www.justgiving.com/Markie-Dunn>

Senior Leadership team: in Miss Jell's absence, Mr Underhill and Mrs Allan will be covering the senior leadership role working with Miss Brooks and myself.



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Wicklewood Windmill:

The Friends of Wicklewood Mill are pleased that the village windmill is open again to the public but as always help is needed to make this happen. The Mill is open on the 3rd Sunday of the months of May, June, July, August and September from 1.00 to 4.00pm. If you would like to help on any of these open days or have any good ideas about attracting visitors to the mill then please get in touch with Mrs Harrod in the office. Frances is a Friend of the mill and would be very happy to talk to anyone who thinks they may like to get involved.

Bad weather: In the event of uncertain weather, please check the Norfolk Schools' web-site for school closures, or listen to Radio Norfolk. It is always our intention to keep the school open if at all possible even if it is only for those who can safely walk to school, but there may be occasions when we have no option but to close.



Coming Up:

Date	Event
13.1.15	Author visit to KS2 Luke Temple
15.1.15	Luke Temple book signing
19.1.15	Year 6 mock SATs week
26.1.15	Test week for the rest of the school
9.2.15	Parents evening
10.2.15	Safer Internet Day
11.2.15	Parents evening Practice evacuation of school (more info to follow)
February / March 2015 (date to be confirmed)	Parent forum re new assessment
26.3.15	Spring concert
2.3.15	Waste week

Yours sincerely,

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