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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are almost at the end of the first half of the Spring Term and we have lots to share with you.

Class Sharing Assemblies

Thank you for attending your child's Class Sharing Assembly on Thursday morning. We are especially pleased to see our new Reception children showcase their learning. It's lovely to see so many parents turn up to see the children's assemblies and to share in their learning. We look forward to seeing parents of children in 1 Australia and 4 Japan at next week's assembly.

Reception Phonics Workshop

Miss Rajan-Weare has arranged drop-in sessions for parents to see how Phonics is being taught in Reception. Dates and times have been sent out to parents. Please speak with Miss Rajan-Weare if you were unable to make any of these times and you would like to know more about these workshops.

Drumming Club

The children are eager to show you the drumming skills that they have acquired in our drumming club. There are two performances on Tuesday, 7th February, in the Juniors hall.

Years 3 and 4 perform at 14:15, Years 5 and 6 at 14:45. All parents are welcome to attend these performances. Please arrive at school 5 minutes before the start to minimise disruption.

Attendance

We would like to congratulate all the children for achieving 100% attendance for the Autumn term. These children were given a special 100% badge and, if they continue with their excellent attendance record, they will be eligible for one of our amazing prizes at the end of the Spring term.

We want each and every child to have the best possible attendance at school to enable them to reach their full potential. There is a strong link between good school attendance and making good progress and achieving good results. Children who frequently miss school may fall behind in their work and find it difficult to catch up with their peers. Absence may also have an effect on children's social groups and friendships. We work closely with all our families to support them to achieve the best possible outcomes for our children.

The school's target for attendance is 96%. Our attendance is currently at 94%, which is below our target. We are working hard with parents and families to improve our attendance in order to meet or exceed our target. We appreciate that the majority of parents support us by making sure that their children attend school regularly. Unfortunately, some parents insist on removing their children from school at term time for an extended holiday. I would like to again remind those parents about the educational impact upon their children if extended leave is taken during term-time. Absence from school during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Head Teacher.

Parking outside the school

We have received telephone calls from local residents, complaining about parents parking across their driveway when dropping off and collecting children from school. I am sure that you too would be annoyed if this happened outside your property. Please do not block driveways in Charles Road and Western Avenue. Please park in one of the side roads and walk the very short distance to the school. I have also witnessed cars coming perilously close to causing accidents and knocking over children whilst trying to manoeuvre out of tight parking spaces in Charles Road. Parents are also disregarding the Box Junction (these have criss-cross yellow lines painted on the road) at the entrance to the school. Many drivers deliberately use the Box Junction to turn their vehicles around. Blocking a Box Junction is a traffic offence and more seriously, it endangers the

safety of children and adults crossing the road to get to school. These actions are beginning to tarnish our reputation and our relationship with the community. We rely on parents to set the same good example as our children do. We have a duty to work with the police and local traffic enforcement to identify and report cars parked irresponsibly and drivers committing traffic offences. We rely on all drivers to consider the safety of our children and to be aware of the dangers that irresponsible and illegal driving can pose.

Birthdays

We would like to remind parents that we do not allow treats to be brought into school for children's birthdays. It is very disappointing for children to see their cakes, sweets or party packs returned to their parents at the end of the day, so please do not bring any party food. The school will return these items to you.

Healthy Eating

Once again it's great to see so many children eating healthy school dinners and packed lunches. I would like to thank you for supporting us in our drive to become a healthy school. So many children are taking the responsibility of having a healthy packed lunch.

Our Golden Table

Children who consistently show good behaviour in the dining hall will have the opportunity to dine at our new Golden Table. Please ask your child to explain what this is about. Our first Golden Diners will have their lunch at the Golden table on Friday, 10th February. Invitations will follow soon!

World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book day on Friday, 3rd March. Children will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character. We hope to see lots of 'home-made' costumes. If you're stuck for ideas, please speak with your child's teacher. Store bought costumes are good, especially for working parents, but those made at home have that something special.

Stars for the Week

Here are all our weekly stars for January.

Class	13 January	20 January	27 January
Reception			
RD	Skyla Shrestha	Logan Green	Salwaa Zaman
RN	Kadie Turner	Nathan Williams	Meda Zabulyte
RZ	David Adesanmi	Alice Southall	Hamza Malik
Year 1			
1A	Neitanas Miliauskis	Ronnie Bland	Peniel Lawrence-Nawaohai
1B	Leona Adeyinka	Mi Hoang	Kamile Bernotaite
1S	Ryan Freeman-Walker	Chibumnuche Eneremadu	Lillie Martin
Year 2			
2C	Sehrish Qureshi	Ollie Mundy	Katie-Anne Peters
2R	Phoebe Barthram	Jamie Buckner	Callum Davies
2W	Jayden Charles	Beni Kalonji	Sumayyah Bello
Year 3			
3F	Augusto Eho Salim	Ashritha Mahavadi	Lenny Raye
3H	Daisy Wylde	Martyna Kozub	Megan Braithwaite
3M	Ghaus Adnan	Hajahr Abdul	Lukas Gurklys
Year 4			
4J	Elis Graur	Luke Simpungwe	Daniel N'Drin
4K	Eleesha Amgbah	Mia Tananeeva	Nafisa Mohd-Aswat

4V	Jack Lynch	Kaiden Agyemang	James McGregor
Class	13 January	20 January	27 January
Year 5			
5L	Melissa Torvenyiova	Louis Gaxha	Leilani Simpungwe
5U	Priscillia Denise	Ellie Glover	Roseann Wright
Year 6			
6G	Kyla Coyne	Charlie Heath	Michael Lynch
6I	Elizabeth Busari	Amina Secka	Rhiannon Flack

We would like to congratulate all these children for their outstanding attitudes to learning, the support they give to other children and their behaviour in and around school.

Yours sincerely,

W Pedro
Head Teacher