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Dear parents and carers

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome the children back and wish you all a happy new year. The Christmas holidays are always busy, but hopefully fun-filled too; we do hope you had a wonderful time.

Calendar

Thank you so much for the fantastic response to the Class 3 calendar. The children thoroughly enjoyed making it and I hope you will enjoy using it too! In total, your support has raised £255.60 towards their Arts Award, which is absolutely staggering, so thank you.

End of the day

As the children have now completed a term in Key Stage 2, we would like to begin training the children to leave the classroom on their own at the end of the day. They will be dismissed from the classroom through the cloakroom and be expected to find parents themselves. The children will know what to do if parents are late; they will come back to the classroom to make us aware that nobody is there for them. They will also be made aware that they must not leave the school grounds under any circumstances if a grown-up is not there to collect them. This will begin on Monday 9th January.

Spellings

To ensure consistency across Key Stage 2, we have decided to make changes to the spellings homework tasks. Children will now receive a weekly 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' sheet where they will be expected to practise their spellings 4 times on the sheet using this method in neat, joined-up handwriting. They will then choose one out of three additional spelling activities on the back of the sheet, which children will complete underneath their stuck-in sheet. Lastly, children must choose one word (silver spellers) or two words (gold spellers) to look up in a dictionary and write the definition. (They have all been introduced to using dictionaries, though some may initially need some support in finding the words using the first, second, third letters etc.). Children's dictionaries are recommended – pop in if you would like advice.

The children have clearly been working hard on learning (and remembering) their Year 3 tricky words. To view your child's results from the December test, please see the sheet in the back of their books and continue to support children in recapping words learnt previously, as well as keeping up with the new ones.

My Maths and KIRFs

My Maths will continue this term, as will KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts). We will assess children's progress towards KIRFs at the end of the half term in a timed test. Just 5 minutes practise each day will really benefit their mental agility, help speed up their class work and improve accuracy.

Aprons

We do from time to time engage in some messy art activities. We do not keep any aprons in the class and so we remind you please to ensure your child has a named old shirt/t-shirt/apron to keep on their peg for such occasions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs McDonagh and Mrs Smith

