

Friday January 6<sup>th</sup> 2012

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a very enjoyable Christmas break and are feeling refreshed for the busy school term ahead! On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your cards, gifts and best wishes, which were greatly appreciated.

The children have had a very settled three days this week and it has felt very calm in school. Thank you for supporting our school uniform policy; everyone looks smart and ready for work! Please remember to check shoes as we have some children wearing very flimsy 'ballet-style' shoes which are unsuitable for the playground.

There is no 'Splash' newsletter this week; we are considering how we can communicate with you most effectively to keep you informed and aware of events in school. We are going to ask the children to think of a new title for our newsletter and have a competition to decide on a winner! Hopefully, we will be able to include an article or two written by children in our new-look newsletter, as we have some very keen journalists in school. In the meantime, we will continue to send home key information in the current format, and put dates on the web-site calendar.

We hope that 2012 will be a year when you feel more involved in school, through curriculum meetings on maths and reading/phonics and information on how these subjects are taught and developed across the school. Dates will be confirmed shortly.

Our whole-school theme for this term is 'Going for Goals' and our whole-school value, which we explore in Assemblies and in class, is 'Determination'.

With very best wishes for a successful term,

Ann Williams  
Headteacher