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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break and are fully refreshed for the start of another term. It is undoubtedly going to be a busy term as we continue to adapt teaching after last year's school closures, and prepare for the 2021 SATs. We are all eager to begin the teaching and learning to support the children in the best possible way and, as you can see from our enquiry web, we have plenty of exciting activities ahead of us!

SATs

Recent government guidance states that 2021 SATs assessments will go ahead. However, these will be more flexible and results will not be published. There will be no SPAG assessment this year but Reading and Maths will be assessed using a test and writing will remain a teacher judgement. As we are drawing ever closer to SATs, there will be a video after February half term to allow you the opportunity to learn more about the tests your child will be sitting in May. Please do not rush out and buy any preparation books, as during this meeting we will have recommended books available for you to buy at a reduced rate.

London

We are continuing to fundraise for our London trip to see a theatre show in July. So far, we have raised an incredible £1417.50 from the colour run sponsorship! Your constant support is greatly appreciated! We have just over £1,000 to go to reach our target. We will keep you informed of details as we receive them.

Residentials

The two Key Stage 2 residentials should be going ahead. Dates are below and further information will follow nearer the time.

PGL- Wednesday 26- Friday 28th May

Pencelli- Monday 21st- Friday 25th June

Reminders

All children are expected to wear a coat during the colder weather.

Please ensure that your child always brings a water bottle to school and a healthy snack for break time.

Children should have correct PE kit (plain coloured house T-shirt, dark shorts or tracksuit bottoms, jumper or sweatshirt, socks, trainers or daps) in school for the whole week as there may be additional activities or changes in session times. Children wishing to be excused from PE will need a note from home.

Spellings will continue to be tested on a Friday and homework will continue to be set weekly on a Friday. Thank you for your support with this change so far. We hope it has been useful to both you and your child to see SATs style questions. We have high expectations of children with regards to homework and we ask that every child completes their homework to the best of their ability. We encourage parent support with these tasks if they feel very challenged.

Here's to an exciting new term!

Many thanks for your all your support,
Miss Griffiths and Miss Manning