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Happy New Year! It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school and things have felt very calm this week. I would like to thank parents and children who kindly gave cards and gifts to the staff for Christmas. They are never expected but always appreciated.

## Clubs

These will start next week and you will receive a text to let you know whether your child has got a place. Please make sure you pay the £2 per week for each club. As a school, we heavily subsidise the actual cost of running clubs. If you are not able to pay the £2, please speak to either Anita Scopes or myself about applying for a funded place.

## Roehampton R.O.C.K.S.

After being based at Heathmere for 5 years, our after-school provision has moved to The Alton Activity Centre. All other arrangements remain the same so please contact Orde via the school office if you would like your children to join this after school provision.

## Nursery

On Monday, we will have some new children starting in our Nursery. These children have all turned 3 years old between September and December, so will spend 5 terms in Nursery.

I have some governors' meetings coming up and we will be discussing how viable it is to run our Nursery as full time from September 2019. The Government only give funding for children to attend Nursery for 15 hours. Some children then qualify for 30 hours, linked to parental income. I will keep you updated once the decisions are made.

## Training Days

School will be closed on the following dates for staff training:

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

## School Improvement

11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

We have been spending a lot of time recently thinking about our children with Special educational Needs. We have the Flagship Status for the Inclusion Quality Mark and are always looking at different ways to meet the needs of different children. This isn't always easy but we remain committed to working closely with parents and doing the best we possibly can. If you have any questions about Special Needs, please come and speak to me or Mrs Kennedy (Assistant Head for Inclusion and SENCO).

## Staffing Update

Congratulations to Mrs Gaynor (Assistant Headteacher) who had her baby on 31<sup>st</sup> December. Maxwell Benjamin weighed 8lb 4oz. Miss White will be starting her maternity leave on 1<sup>st</sup> February. I am working on her replacement and will update you once I have things finalised. Welcome to Miss McDermott and Miss Bingham who are student teachers in Nursery and 4R respectively. We also welcome Miss Opong as a new teaching assistant to Nursery.

## Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for parent governor so I will send out the application forms next week. The role of the governors is to set the vision and the strategic direction for the school. There are 13 governors in total and our constitution states that 3 governors must be parents. Farouk (dad of Ali 5T, Amira 2L, Adam 2C) and Asma (mum of Kachaf in Reception) will be happy to talk to you about the role. Alternatively, come and speak to me or Mr Cooper if you are interested in finding out more.

## Attendance

We held meetings this week for some parents of children whose attendance is causing concern. These will be reviewed in 6 weeks.

Remember to make sure your child comes to school every day so they don't miss out on any learning.

	Events	Clubs
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January		Y1/2/3 Ninja Kids! –Matt Gale Y4/5/6 Basketball –Tim Pitt
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 to Birdworld Y3 Young Readers Project	Y4/5/6 Football –team training –Matt Y4/5/6 Arts, Crafts &Textiles –Miss Agyapong
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Trumpets	Y/3/4/5/6 Gymnastics (3:30-5pm) – Matt Gale & Minesh Desai Y1/2/3 Arts, Crafts –Miss Agyapong
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	9am Nursery Creative Workshop 9am 5J Class Assembly	Invite only - Competition Training Y3/4/5/6 – Tag Rugby –Mr Mtya
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January		Y4/5/6 Dodgeball – Tim Pitt –COACH