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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy couple of weeks in school with so many great things going on. Read on for some important information about children's learning and events going on in school.

Holiday requests

We would like to remind all parents and carers of the procedure for requesting leave of absence for holidays during term time. If you are planning any holidays or trips during school time, we kindly ask that you complete the **Leave of Absence Request Form** and submit it to the school office at least **four weeks before** the planned absence. This will allow us to process your request in a timely manner.

As you know, the government has introduced a new system regarding holiday requests during term time. During our supportive transition to this new system, we have offered a grace period where holiday requests have not been authorised, but no further action has been taken. However, we want to highlight that **families taking more than one holiday or an extended holiday** could result in a fine being issued.

From **September 2025**, we will be required to follow the Department for Education's guidance on holiday requests. This means that, in line with the new regulations, we must consider issuing a **penalty notice** for any unauthorised absence of **ten sessions** (usually equivalent to **five school days**) within a rolling **ten-school-week period**. It is important to note that the **10-week period** may span across different terms or even school years.

We understand that family holidays are important, and we appreciate your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines. By submitting requests in advance and following the correct procedure, we can ensure that absences are managed appropriately and in line with the school's attendance policy.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please feel free to contact the school office.

Hide from the Head

As part of our safety practices, the children completed our 'Hide from the Head' activity yesterday. This is presented in a fun way to practice keeping safe inside the

school building in the unlikely event that we should need to remain inside. The children were well prepared through an assembly and in class and did a great job!

Chinese New Year

Next Friday 31st January, the children will be learning about Chinese New Year. As part of our celebrations, they will have a specially prepared lunch that day with chicken curry and rice, noodles, chicken in batter, prawn crackers and mandarin jelly. Items such as sandwiches, quiche and other desserts will also be available. Each child will also receive a fortune cookie.

Parent Consultations

A letter inviting parents and carers to discuss their child's progress went out earlier this week. Please return the slip to arrange an appointment or contact your child's teacher and we will try our best to accommodate your selected time. If you are unable to attend on this day and would like to arrange an alternative date/time, please speak to the class teacher.

We received some positive feedback about the changes made to parent consultations last term so we will repeat the same format this term. Please come to the office for your appointment where you will have an opportunity to look through your child's books before meeting their teacher. We look forward to celebrating your child's achievements with you.

Maths afternoons

A reminder about our Maths afternoons next week. Parents/carers are invited in to take part in some maths activities in class on the dates and times below:

27th KS2 Maths Afternoon - Y3,4,5 & 6 @ 1:15pm

28th KS1 Maths Afternoon - Y1, Y2 @ 1:15pm

31st EYFS Maths Day - Nursery AM @ 10am, Nursery PM & Reception @ 1:15pm

School in a Snapshot

- Whole school assemblies on road safety from Cleveland Fire Brigade.
- Internet safety talk for years 3,4,5 and 6 by our PCSO's.
- Y1 Football Festival at the DeBrus Centre
- Headstarter training continued for Y5 & Y6 pupils

Dates for your Diary

Please see the attached overview for this term's important dates.

Have a lovely weekend!

Head Teacher Mrs C Grainger

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