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## 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – weekly bulletin

Dear families,

It has been a busy first week back and the children have had a brilliant week. Thank you for your ongoing feedback and support – we are always trying to make things better and as a result we are **starting this weekly bulletin** to share **non-urgent messages** all in one place. The bulletin at times may just be a list of reminders but hopefully it will reduce the number of messages you receive and keep general reminders in one place.

Please see the Ofsted Report and accompanying letter that was sent separately.

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Miss Walsh is now in Cherry Blossom and Mrs Heslop is stepping back to do planning and subject leader jobs which are part of her role and assisting Miss Walsh with settling in again.

**Mrs Heslop's final day will be Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.**

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### P.E Kit and Uniform

Mr Colley has noticed that children are not always in appropriate P.E kit and also that they are wearing jewellery / wish bracelets / necklaces and other non-uniform items during P.E. **P.E kit should be brought on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.**

National guidance on personal effects is given in 'safe practice in physical education and school sport', published by the association for physical education (afPE). Website: [www.afpe.org.uk](http://www.afpe.org.uk).

*Personal effects (e.g. jewellery, religious adornments, watches, hair slides, belts, spectacles, hearing aids) constitute a hazard if worn while participating in physical activity and should be removed beforehand. Taping over ear studs is not recommended as a solution.*

*Earrings cannot be made safe if the child doesn't remove them so they cannot take part in the activity e.g. P.E or go swimming with them in.*

It is preferable for earrings not to be worn in school (ideally, they should be worn outside of school e.g. weekends) but where they are worn they must only be **small, flat studs**.

Those with long hair **must** have it tied back on P.E days.

Please ensure that children **do not wear additional jewellery to school at all**. School cannot take responsibility for items that are lost or broken. **Nail varnish and make-up are not part of school uniform.**

Appropriate school-shoes are part of the expected uniform.

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**Planners and Reading Books** must be in school **every day** – they are taken home and brought to school daily.

Please listen to your child read aloud – even up to Year 6, log their reading and sign their planners weekly.

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### **2024/2025 School Term Dates**

There has been a revision to the 2024/2025 school calendar. The training day that was scheduled for Tuesday 3 September has been removed, meaning that children will now be expected in school on this date. The revised training day is Friday 29 November 2024. Children will not attend school on this day. Please **see attached calendar**.

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### **Dolce Diner Day**

Dolce are offering a special Diner Day menu on Thursday 18 January. Please order the usual way via School Grid. The menu was sent separately.

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### **Silver Birch go Swimming!**

A reminder to Sycamore parents that swimming starts on Monday. Please remember to pack a **towel** and **swimsuit** in a bag for your child. You may wish to include an afternoon snack

Children must wear trunks or swimming shorts (not long board shorts) or a full bathing suit. Bikinis are not suitable for swimming lessons. The children **do not** need shampoo or other toiletries.

Thank you for swimming payments received from some parents. If you have not paid please consider paying weekly to spread the cost – thank you.

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Zoe Ellis  
Executive Headteacher