

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Christmas break and a Happy New Year to you all.

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas although it seems a while ago now!

May I draw your attention to a new finish time at the end of this term. We will be finishing at 1:30pm after the children have had lunch.

As always, please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any concerns.

Best Wishes

Sue Dury



### Head's Tea Party

We have been talking to the children about our school Golden Rules:

- ❖ *We are kind, polite, helpful, and aware of others' feelings.*
- ❖ *We listen carefully to others without interrupting them.*
- ❖ *We look after our own and other people's belongings.*
- ❖ *We try our best, work hard, and learn from our mistakes.*
- ❖ *We treat other people the way we like to be treated.*
- ❖ *We always tell the truth.*

These rules are displayed in our classrooms and around the school.

As a staff, we are very aware that there are many children in our school who follow these rules at all times without being reminded. Quite often these children go unrewarded so we have initiated a Head's Tea Party at the end of each half term to recognise these children. 2 children will be invited from each class.

We will post the names on our school website.

I am hosting the first tea party today to reward those children from last term.

The children are very excited at the prospect of having tea with me in the staffroom.

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

If you come to collect a child from an extra-curricular activity please refrain from driving to the front of school. All the children are dismissed from the front entrance and we have witnessed some 'near misses' with cars leaving and children walking to meet their parent.

Please only drive into school if it is absolutely necessary and park in the side parking bays not those directly in front of the entrance.

Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

### WELCOME

It is with great pleasure that we welcome 3 new members of staff to Ickleford:

Mrs Giggle is our new PPA/Y1 teacher. She will be teaching Year 2 & Year 1 on a Thursday and Year 1 on a Friday. She is a familiar face to Ickleford as she has taught here in the past.

Miss Wasson is our new Higher Level Teaching Assistant in Y4. She will be supporting Mr Martin and running netball and cross country clubs.

Mrs Walker is our new teaching assistant supporting SEN. She is in school on a Wednesday and Thursday working alongside Mrs Shafe our SENCo.

## Dates for your diaries

### January - Hope

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

- 9:15am – School Nurse – Reception Health checks

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

- PTA – Quiz & Curry Evening

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

- Singing Day

### February - Patience

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 – 3:30pm – Tag Rugby Tournament – Letchworth Rugby Club

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

- PTA – Spring Disco

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – HALF TERM**

### March - Courage

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

- World Book Day

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

- Parent Consultations 4:00-7:00pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

- Hamlet – KS2
- Parent Consultations 4:00-7:00pm

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

- 1:30pm – Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

- **1:30pm - FINISH**