

Happy New Year

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school – we hope that you all had a good break and that your children are ready for another busy term in school. We have had a very mild winter so far and we hope that the weather conditions do not deteriorate too much in the coming weeks. Please find the PVIS Spring Term dates overleaf.

This half term our topic is 'To infinity and beyond'. The children will be enjoying a variety of fiction texts about space. Look out for topic grids with ideas for activities that your child may wish to do at home linked to this topic. Miss Neville will be focusing on Dance during her PE lessons this half term. She will be selecting dancers from across PVIS to take to a dance performance in March. As usual we will also be promoting Safer Internet Day in February – we hope that you have all set parent controls on any new devices the children have had over Christmas!

Members of the Flying High Partnership central team will be visiting next week as part of their monitoring of teaching and learning at PVIS. We are looking forward to this opportunity to demonstrate the great work that the staff and children achieve every day at our lovely schools.

Attendance

Please remember to inform the school office if your child will be absent from school by 9:30 on the day of absence.

We will be sending out a copy of your child's attendance record for last term and information about how repeated absences can affect children later this week. We shall also be celebrating good attendance during the Autumn Term by issuing certificates and prizes for attendance over 97%.

Thanks for your continued support, Christine Avery

Safe Parking

There continues to be a number of adults who ignore road safety rules. Arrival and collection times at school will always be busy.

Please allow adequate time to find appropriate places to park near school. Mrs Cotterill does a fantastic job at helping families to cross at the busy junction near John King and would appreciate all drivers support. Please do not stop on the zigzag lines/ near the zebra crossing as this reduces visibility.

Please drive with care, especially near our schools, avoid parking near any junction and be considerate to the local residents. Thank you to all the parents and carers who continue to show consideration for others to ensure safety for all.

Festive Challenges

Thank you to all the families that took part in the reading and Doodlemaths challenges during the holiday. We appreciate that it is a busy time of year. However, we know that all the children that took part will benefit from practising their skills, and hopefully will have enjoyed the activities too.