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Dear Parents

Happy New Year. I hope that you all had a good break over the Christmas holidays and are looking forward to the year ahead. On behalf of the staff, thank you for all the Christmas wishes, cards and gifts. They have been greatly appreciated.

We have a busy term ahead of us so you will find information and dates below. The termly Curriculum Information Sheets and after school club letters will follow shortly.

Eco Schools

We are very pleased to let you know that we have been awarded the Eco Schools bronze award for our work on sustainability with the children. We are now working towards the next level of the programme and working towards achieving the silver standard. We have started the year by working on a waste project where we are weighing the food waste during the dinner session every day this week. We will then be using this information for learning activities with the children and later in the term will repeat the food weighing exercise again to see if we have made a difference.

E-safety Newsletter

On the school website in the newsletter section there is an e-safety newsletter which is produced for schools in Hertfordshire. The newsletter highlights current information and recommendations and contains information on cyberbullying, Snapchat, Whatsapp and some very useful website addresses for parents.

Strings Group

If your child learns a string instrument either here in school or privately there is the opportunity to join other children to play together at the St Albans Music Centre on a Tuesday. Further information about this can also be found in the newsletter section of our website.

Italian Lunch club

Italian lunch club will be resuming on Monday 16th January, if anyone has not yet returned their forms club please do so as soon as possible.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017

Sainsbury's will start distributing vouchers from 25th January 2017 so please look out for these with your shopping. There will be a collection box for the vouchers next to the PTA drop box in the pupil entrance from 25th January where you can post them. The school benefits through your collection in the form of sports equipment for free so every vouchers counts!

Outdoor PE

This term Y2 will not need their outdoor PE kits in school as their PE focus is gymnastics and then tennis/badminton which will take place in the hall. Year 3 will need their outdoor kits this term and Year 4 will need them after the February half term break as they too have gymnastics this half term. It is important that the children in these classes have the correct outdoor PE kit in school at all times. This consists of trainers (any type), black or navy jogging bottoms, their usual white PE tee shirt and their school sweatshirt. Some children have not been bringing their sweatshirts to school which then means that they are not equipped sufficiently for the outside temperature.

Reception Places for September 2017

Please be aware that the deadline for applying for your reception school place is **Sunday 15th January 2017**. In order to do so you will need apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Eat Well For Less

The following information has come from the BBC:

I am writing from the hit BBC One prime time series 'Eat Well For Less?' because we are currently in production with a brand new series of the show. My reason for writing is that applications are now open and we are currently on the lookout for fun and lively families who would love to save some money on their weekly shop and eat more healthily.

The show follows Masterchef's Gregg Wallace & award winning greengrocer Chris Bavin on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to save money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.

If any families/households are interested in appearing on the programme, you can get in touch to apply or find out more on 0117 970 7698 or e-mail: eatwell@rdftelevision.com

Dates for the Spring Term 2017

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| 19th January 7.30pm | PTA AGM |
| 25th January 9.15am | Bilingual Parent Group to meet |
| 27th January – 1st February | Book Fair |
| 1st February 5 – 8pm | Parent/Teacher Consultations |
| 6th February 4 – 7pm | Parent/Teacher Consultations |
| 10th February 8.30 – 9am & 3pm – 3.30pm | Take One Picture Art Exhibition |
| 20th February | Inset Day (school closed) |
| 24th March | Red Nose Day |
| 28th March 9.30am | Year Four Concert |
| 31st March 1.30pm | End of Term |

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher