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Dear Parents

We can't believe we are nearly at half term! January has flown by, and the children have really impressed us with the quality of their work and their positive attitudes to learning. We hope those of you who have attended class assemblies this half term have enjoyed hearing about the learning that your child has been doing in school.

### **Parent Consultations**

A reminder that our parent consultation meetings are being held this week. If you do not have an appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to arrange one with you.

### **Book Fair**

Thank you for supporting our book fair. We have made £540 in commission which will be used to purchase books for our school library.

### **Class Blogs**

Teachers update their class blog weekly, so please do take a look if you haven't logged on for a while. This week we are posting information about our handwriting scheme and some examples for each year group of what we are aiming for. We hope you find this helpful when supporting your child at home with their handwriting.

### **Nut allergies**

There are a number of children in school with severe nut allergies. Please can we politely remind you not to send any products containing nuts into school in packed lunches or birthday treats that are shared with the class. This includes items such as Nutella or peanut butter. Thank you for your help with this.

### **Secondary transfer 2019**

7 of the local secondary schools in the Watford / Rickmansworth area are in the South West Herts Consortium (Rickmansworth, Watford Boys, Watford Girls, Clement Danes, Parmiter's, Queens, Bushey Meads). The Consortium holds admission tests in early September, and uses the results of the tests to offer places. If your child is currently in Year 5 and you are considering applying for a place at any of these schools, please be advised that the registration period for these tests is 30<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 and no late registrations will be accepted. Please speak to Mrs Stray if you would like any further information.

We are ending our half term with a whole school maths problem solving day on Friday. The children will have to solve problems to earn escape codes which will allow them to go home for half term! We hope you enjoy the break next week, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Year 5 are holding an Ancient Greek workshop on this day, so you may even see some Grecian children on your way into school!

Yours sincerely

*Mrs J Goddard and Mrs G Stray*

Co-Headteachers