



13th January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Happy New Year to everybody. We hope you enjoyed the festive season.

We have come back raring to go with a lot of initiatives to ensure accelerated progress for all children in every aspect of their education. Our focus will always promote children to have fun with their learning as we know from experience this makes a tremendous difference to their progress and development.

Our first community initiative is for you and your children to make a mascot for their house. The children already know about this and information is on the website and attached to this letter for you with all instructions. This year, we really will promote competition through our house competition. The children will be notified in Monday's assembly about another monthly competition, led by myself, linked to all aspects of their curriculum.

Obviously, as we plan as much as possible for normality to return to school life we have to deal with the fast spreading Omicron. Without doubt, there will be staff absence but we have strategic plans to deal with this. Due to these uncertain times, we will review whether we are in a position to facilitate extra-curricular activities for the children after February half term.

At long last, the fencing has been installed around all the new play equipment areas. We are amazed we managed to actually get the fencing in these challenging times of getting materials. The children are so looking forward to using these facilities but before they are allowed to take part in their specific allocated session, all parents and carers must give consent. Please fill in the consent through Arbor.

We are already well over subscribed for the new Reception intake for September so I encourage any parent who has not yet applied to the local authority for this Academy to do so by tomorrow, **Friday 14th January 2022**, as this is the deadline. Often, we have parents with siblings in the Academy who presume they would automatically be allocated a place. This is not the case, you must apply to the local authority for each child.

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Two staff have relocated over the Christmas period and as a consequence we have said goodbye to Mrs Cooper and Mr Allie. Miss Nugent is replacing Mrs Cooper in Year 1 and Mrs Grewal will continue in Year 6.

We have advertised today for an experienced grade 3 teaching assistant and a fulltime clerical worker for the office. If you have the experience required, please contact the office.

Please always look at the website for day to day information and please all keep safe as we continue to face the challenges of Covid-19.

Yours sincerely,

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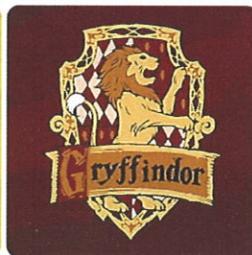
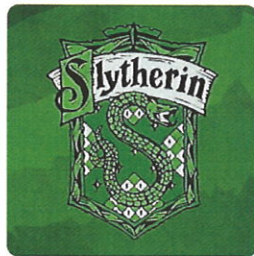
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House Mascot Project

Please design a mascot to represent your house. Your mascot must involve your house colour.

The mascot can be in any form but children must be able to carry the design themselves.



Due in Friday 4th February 2022