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Message from the Head...

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new term! I hope you all had a relaxing and peaceful break with your families over the Christmas holidays and that this first week of term has been positive for you, in spite of the cold and wet weather. The children have returned to school and re-established their routines very quickly and we have had a largely calm and settled first week of the spring term. All of our children have been producing artwork for a local competition. Mrs Veitch and I will be judging our winners later today and contacting families accordingly.

Some new enrichment opportunities for our children have begun this week. Mrs Veitch has delivered the first session of our 'Authors and Illustrators' club; Mrs Dino and Miss Briggs have worked with a group of children who will take part in [Young Voices](#) next month; and a Multi-Sports Club for children in Y1-Y3 has started this afternoon.

We are aware of a growing number of children wearing smart devices, most commonly in the form of watches. This week, two teachers have reported needing to speak with children who have been distracted by their watches, including in one instance a game being played. I am also aware that some of these devices can receive messages and capture images. Although these are not currently referred to in a school policy, we discourage the wearing of these watches. I appreciate that in some cases children might be wearing these watches and not being distracted, however we will need to adopt a 'one rule for all' approach on this to ensure fairness. Please can you ensure children do not wear smart watches to school. Where we can see them being worn, we will ask children to remove them and keep them safe until the end of the school day. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Finally, a reminder that we will be hosting a 'Building Confidence' parent session, led by the NHS team, which will take place on Wednesday 21st January at 9.30am. The session will focus on supporting your child with managing their worries. You can [sign up for the session using this link](#), by next Friday.

With best wishes for the weekend, from Richard Martin and all of the team in school.

Diary Dates

Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th January - Balance Bikeability (Reception Class – for pupils that signed up).

Wednesday 21st January. 9.30am – Building Confidence Parent Workshop. *School hall.*

Friday, 6th February - PTA Discos & Non-uniform day.

Thursday, 12th February – Dental Survey Team in school (selected children only).

Wednesday 25th February - Young Voices O2 Arena (signed-up children only). Please pay any final payments.

Reminders & Other Info...