

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello / Witam

Happy New Year! Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku!

Welcome back to the Spring Term in school, I hope that you had a good break and that all was merry and festive in your homes. It was great to see the children back in class yesterday and many teachers remarked on how sensible the children behaved.

This is just a short newsletter to welcome new staff into our school, firstly **Miss Meghan Simms**, a former pupil who is now working in the Junior School classrooms as a Teaching Assistant, she remembers our schools fondly and to **Mrs Irina Tapuc** who is an experienced childminder now working in our Infant School. How lucky we are to have new talent joining us. There are currently vacancies for **Teaching Assistant** positions in both the Infant and Junior School and an **Apprentice Playworker** in the Preschool. For further information click [here](#) or contact either school office for more information.

Our **Language of the Month** for January is Polish, if you have any resources we can borrow in the infant school do let us know, we will take good care of them.

As promised I will be sending out an update on our **Homework Policy** this term following the responses from all stakeholders. We have also been looking at our **school behaviour policies** and aligning them across both schools. We will be using the Jenny Mosely **Golden Rules** on a day to day basis. We will also be using the Hartford Heroes in the junior school but in a more grown up version. Watch this space for further information.



Best wishes/Wszystkiego najlepszego

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

TEAMWORK

AIM HIGH

Persistence

PROBLEM SOLVING

INVOLVED

PERFECT EFFORT



First few Days / Kilka pierwszych dni

In the infant School the children have been participating in our Sparky Start Day for our whole school Design Technology [DT] work. We held a retro 'Ready Steady Cook' competition between Mrs Hyem and me [I'm sure the children have told you how our poor cooking skills led to the microwaves now no longer working! We also made turnip soup, fresh fruit kebabs and fruity flapjacks in class. What an exciting way to start our new units of learning. Elsewhere the children have been starting new books and I'm sure in the next newsletter I can share more about what they are learning this half term.

For children who are in **Class 1 and 2** [Year R] please see our Tapestry post for more details on our homework challenge this week about sharing and talking about two photographs of when we were younger.

For children who are in **Class 5 and 6** [Year 2] please can you post pictures on Tapestry of your child cooking a healthy snack. We would like as many as possible for our display Remember for children in **Willow and Holly** [Year 6], swimming starts on Tuesday 10th January and Beech and Chestnut Class [Year 3] will be having their PE on a Monday instead.

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Dates for the Diary/Daty do Pamietnika

Year 6 Swimming	Junior School	From Tuesday 10th January	All Year 6 children will walk to the St Peters Recreation Centre for their swimming sessions after lunch
Math Workshop	Infant School	Thursday 19th January	Parents and Carers of children in Classes 1- 6 in the infant school are invited to a maths update on how to help your child at home, more details to follow
Victorian Dress Up Day	Infant School	Monday 30th January	Infant children are invited to wear Victorian outfits as part of our work on Queen Victoria and her reign.
Year 5 Space Centre visit	Junior School	Wednesday 1st February	Children will be visiting the Space Centre in Bedford as part of their space work
School Discos	All Schools	Thursday 9th February	Do come along to our next PATHS meeting to support this fundraising initiative
Half Term	All Schools	Monday 13th February	All Schools closed for this week
Year 5 Swimming	Junior School	From Tuesday 21st February	All Year 5 children will walk to the St Peters Recreation Centre for their swimming sessions after lunch
Last day of term	All Schools	Friday 31st March	All children return to school on Tuesday 18th April at 8.45am