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Believe and Achieve

A New Year....A new start

A very happy New Year. I hope you all had a relaxing and peaceful break. It is good to be back.

Like you all, we are hoping that this year is going to be considerably different than 2021 or for that matter 2020. In reality, we expect the first few months to be as difficult as last Autumn, but we hope that as we head towards Spring, things may get a little easier..... we shall see!

What we do already know is that every parent and every child has got a challenging year ahead of them, as we continue to fill the gaps that has been missed after the events of the last 20 months.

The school has been busy looking at our curriculum and our approach towards learning. We have numerous initiatives planned which we will share with you as the term progresses.

As parents you too have a role to play, which we hope you can all commit to. Your child has only one chance of being in their present year!

Please reflect on what you can do to support your child over the following weeks:

- Self isolating aside, try and ensure that your child is in school everyday.
- As a school we are not over zealous with homework but what we do send home we want your child to complete to their best standard. Support them by creating a calm atmosphere at home and make time to discuss with them what they are doing.
- **Numerous research projects all conclude that hearing your child read for just ten minutes a day can have a major impact of their reading. We know we all lead busy lives but we all can find ten quality minutes to give our children the very best start in life.**
- Do not under estimate the anxiety you can give your child if they are arriving late for school. With the doors opening ten minutes before lessons start, is there a justified reason for sending your child late to school on a regular basis?
- Spend 5 minutes a day talking to them about what they have learnt in school. You may be surprised how much they want to share with you!

Let's all try and make this year a great year. Mr P



School Photographs

Despite the challenges of these times we still plan to have the school photographers in school.....even though it is a little more complicated than usual!!!

The school photographers are in school on Tuesday 11th January, **next Tuesday** . The photographers will be in school from 8.30am onwards, to take individual and family portraits.

If parents want family photographs with younger siblings who are not yet of school age, then they need to book on The Parent Mail Form that will be sent out later today. Once you have expressed an interest in having your younger children's photographs taken, you will then be allocated a time to attend, with instructions about where to wait.

Please be aware that if you have not been allocated a time to attend, then you will not be able to turn up on the day.

We anticipate that we will not be able to cater for all younger siblings, so all requests will be treated on a first come, first serve basis.

If you do not wish your child to be photographed, please make office staff aware of this.



Wear a Mask on School Property

We strongly request that all parents and visitors to Wembrook grounds and building wear a mask. Thank you. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Despite all the limitations, we had a lovely end to the term before Christmas.

