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Monday 4th February 2019

Dear Parent/Carers,

Last week was an unexpectedly short week. The decision to close the school during bad weather is not an easy one, but the safety of staff and pupils travelling to and from school, as well as while on the school site, is always the most important factor in the decision. It looks as though the cold weather has left us for a while, which means that we can continue with the business of learning.

Attendance

This week's attendance winners were Year 2 with 97% attendance. Well done!

This week during celebration assembly we will be announcing our monthly attendance winners and the winning class will be rewarded with a non-uniform day which will be decided by the class teacher.

Parking around school

There have been complaints of littering from cars in the roads around school as well as parents parking in private parking areas when collecting children from school. We have been asked by the police to remind all parents and carers collecting children from school to be considerate of our neighbours by only parking in public spaces and not obstructing exits to driveways as well as to take any litter away to be disposed of in rubbish bins.

Data Collection Forms

Data collection forms were recently sent to all parents. If you have not already done so, please return this as soon as possible. It is vital that we have at least 2 current contact numbers for each child as well as the correct address should we need to contact you in an emergency.

Parent Governors

There are vacancies on the Governing Body for two parent governors. Alongside the newsletter, you will have received a letter from Sue Walton, our Chair of Governors, with more information on how to apply for this role. It is a great way to get involved in

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the school improvement journey as well as in representing the parent body. Any applicants will be supported in learning what is needed in the role. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Walton or me for more information.

Breakfast Club

Our new breakfast club menu is up and running, with a variety of cereals, including warm porridge as well as toasted bagels which are proving to be a huge success! Look out for members of staff on the playground with bagels over the next few weeks.

We have also purchased a range of new games and activities for the children to play with once they have finished their breakfast. These will be shown to the children during assembly time this week.

Breakfast club runs from 8am – 8.30 am every morning and cost just 20p per day. Pupils who received free school meals are not required to pay as we receive funding to cover the cost. All children are welcome to attend on any day: there is no requirement to register or to attend every day. If your child is attending breakfast club, please ensure that they arrive at school by 8.15 to give them time to eat their breakfast before lessons begin.

Afterschool care

The form to register your interest in after school care at Ivingswood Academy will remain open for the rest of this week. If you would be interested in your child attending an afterschool club, please do complete the form by Friday 8th February by clicking this [LINK](#). After school care would include a snack and light tea for all pupils.

Lost Property

There is a new container for lost property located in the entrance foyer. All unnamed items found around school will be placed in the lost property box from now on so please check here if you have lost anything. Named items will be returned to pupils directly. Any small items, such as glasses, will be kept in the office to avoid them being lost or damaged in the large container.

I look forward to another great week of learning – and no snow!

Yours sincerely,

Julie-Ann Swaysland

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