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Dear Parents

A Happy New Year to you all.

The term has got off to a trouble free start given the weather conditions. Our *Bad Weather Action Plan* and website updates seem to have worked effectively and thank you for acting on them. The weather is clearly going to be unpredictable over the weekend and I would ask that you visit our website first thing on Monday morning for the latest update.



On the Saturday before Christmas our School Choir took part in the Red Balloon Carol Service. They sang brilliantly and it was a great privilege for them to be involved in the first performance of John Rutter's *Carol of the Magi* which was written for the occasion.



Many of you will already know Jackie Gibson who taught with us part time last term. I am delighted that she has now joined the full time staff as 4A form teacher.

I am sure that your excited sons and daughters will have shown you our new School Planners. These replace the old homework diaries and allow the children to record a wide range of information more effectively. They also contain important guidelines to help the school run smoothly. Congratulations and thanks to the Year 5 children who provided illustrations.



Arrangements for current Year 3 children during 7+ testing

Entrance Tests for next year's Year 3 will be taking place next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The current Year 3 children will be following an exciting and varied set of drama, science and design technology activities. We have talked to the children about the days, but please see the attached document for further information about the timing and organisation of the activities, and instructions for the follow-up homework tasks.

Gymnastics Club

There is a space available in the Wednesday Gym club. Please contact Mrs Tully if you are interested.





Station minibus

There are currently spaces available on the 3.50 pm and 4.30pm minibuses to the Station. Anyone interested should contact Elinor

Cancellation of some clubs next week

We're sorry that Construction Club on Monday and Telling Tales and Wednesday Club on Wednesday will not be taking place next week (beginning 11th January), as staff and/or rooms will be occupied during the 7+ testing.

Well done

Congratulations to Masaki Hattori who raised £92 when he participated in the Santa Run! Well done to Karram and Arjun Sandhu on their Karate success. Congratulations to Francoise Dyer on her swimming award and to Gracie Baker and Masaki Hattori who collected the Doviak and Jessop house point cups as the pupils with the highest house point scores last half term.



Congratulations

Bronze house point certificates have been awarded to **Henry Foster, Charlotte Benton, Olivia Coulson, Samuel Doel, Alexander Green and Claudia Tomkys.** Lawrence Akester, Harry Forber, Cecily Tully, Robert Dodsworth, Kilian Meissner, Ben Burgess, Francoise Dyer and Masaki Hattori have been awarded a silver house point certificate. Well done all!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Gavin Jones".

Headmaster

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