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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2018! Thank you for all your support over the last year. Once again, the children (and staff) produced some amazing Christmas performances, which really ended the year on a high. You should all be extremely proud of your talented offspring.

Consultation on the school's future

Many of you will be aware that there has been talk about a proposal to close the Hill Site of the school at the end of the school year and to accommodate the whole school on the Village site. Unfortunately many schools are finding themselves in financial difficulties because of cuts to educational funding and falling school rolls. The school had to significantly reduce expenditure last year and once again, we have found ourselves in the same situation. We need to work together as a community to find a solution. A formal consultation will begin in the week beginning January 15th. Parents will be invited into school to hear from Durham County Council representatives in the w/b 22nd January. Please try to attend one of the two meetings (Tuesday 23rd January at 5:45pm – Hill Site or Wednesday 24th January at 5:45pm at the Village Site), as your views are really important to this process.

Attendance

Can I remind you that your child/children are expected to achieve a minimum of 96% attendance throughout each school year. We will shortly be sending out letters to parents of children whose attendance is a cause for concern. It is important that we work together to raise attendance, as children who have frequent absences may end up with gaps in their learning.

If your child is absent from school it is important to phone the school office and let us know the reason for their absence before 9:15am.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March. To celebrate World Book Day children may come to school dressed as characters from their favourite books. Although we'll send out reminders nearer the time we thought we'd give you plenty of time to make/source costumes. There are usually lots of useful ideas for homemade costumes on the World Book day website.

School uniform and P.E kit

The majority of the children returned to school in the correct school uniform and look really smart. However we have a few children who are not wearing the correct clothing/footwear. Please try to ensure that children are appropriately dressed.

PE kits should be in school all week. Children should wear a red T-Shirt, black shorts and should have appropriate footwear.

Yours sincerely

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