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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Happy New Year**

We would like to wish all our families Happy New Year with the hope that you will have many blessings in the year to come.

Thank you to our families for all the lovely cards and gifts - it is very much appreciated.

### **Matthew 2:1-12**

*2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi<sup>[a]</sup> from the east came to Jerusalem<sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."*

*3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:*

*6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel. [b]"*

*7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."*

*9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.*

Here when Jesus is an apparently unknown baby, there is a sign of what is to come. The gifts that the Magi brought were the sort of things that people in the ancient world would think of as appropriate presents to bring to kings, or even gods.

Listen to the whole story that is told in Matthew. Think about what it meant for Jesus to be the true king of the Jews. And then - come to him, by whatever route you can, and with the best gifts you can find.



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## RE Newsletter

Please see attached this term's RE newsletter which contains the topics that we will cover in Religious Education this term.

## After school Clubs

The new afterschool clubs begin today, Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Advent Appeal

We raised a total of **£265.28** for the Christmas Jumper Day and **£511.01** for the Christmas Advent Appeal to benefit our two school charities, **Ihogbe College and Royal Initiative Against Poverty and Starvation (RIAPS)**. Thank you to all our families for your generosity.

## Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **2J on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019** at 9:05 am; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

## Inset Days - Teacher Training Days

We have had a change in our school calendar to our teacher training days; therefore, Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 will be a normal school day where the school will be open to all pupils. However, on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 the school will be closed to pupils and will re-open on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 from the Easter break.

## Term Time Holiday

Any absence affects your child's learning, and the more they miss the harder it will be for them to catch up. Research has shown that for every percentage point of absence, attainment is significantly lower. Even the brightest and most enthusiastic learner will find it hard to keep up with their work with these levels of absence. We will become concerned if your child's attendance drops below 95%.

**95% attendance equates to half a day off every two weeks**

**90% attendance equates to a day off every two weeks**

**85% attendance equates to one and a half days off every two weeks**

**80% attendance equates to one whole day off every week**

That is why we encourage the highest attendance possible. As a result, this school's policy is not to authorize holidays during term time.

## Parental Contributions

Thanks to your parental contributions for the last academic year, we raised a total of £3,620. Your contributions are vital in ensuring that building works and improvements to the school premises take place. Please ensure that you pay your parental contribution of £40 through ParentPay.

N. Scott  
Head Teacher



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