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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have enjoyed the Christmas break and are looking forward to the term ahead. The staff have worked extremely hard to prepare exciting and enriching learning experiences for the coming term. Obviously, we are all thinking about resolutions for the New Year – and I am going to be cheeky and suggest one or two that would help us here in school.

**Checking the website calendar and letters and clubs pages before phoning the office with questions**

There is a lot going on school! We put letters on the letters page and dates on the calendar and clubs details as well as sending you regular messages by email and dojo. It places extra load on our office staff if everyone phones up to ask about information which we have already shared. *Please remember messages about absence appointments or changes to pick-up must be emailed to the office NOT sent via Dojo.*

**Checking the school uniform list and ensuring that your child is wearing the right things**

We're starting to look a little ragged around the edges and we have noticed some 'trends' creeping into school (hair bands worn on wrists; fancy boots and other random footwear; lots of hair gel; no ties with shirts). We are also finding that children are forgetting to bring socks and sweatshirts for PE days. This means that if they wear their tights and/or school jumpers and it is wet outside they are then sitting in wet clothes all day. Please ensure that children have a completely different set of clothes to wear on PE days.

**Sharing lifts and considerate parking**

It would be great if we could all be mindful of our neighbours and all the children walking to and from school when we are driving and parking near the school.

Could you consider changing just ONE pick up or drop off to decrease the number of cars on the road and help improve the air quality around the school reduce carbon emissions?

**Helping in school – sharing talents**

Our recent video-documentary project in year 5, where pupils interviewed some of our parents, has revealed what a depth of talent there is out there – and how interested the children are. Do you have a skill or a talent you could share with children or staff? Whether you could offer something as a one-off, or are able to contribute regularly we would like to hear from you.

I look forward to working with you all in the term ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes

Sarah Lewis

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