

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all!

We hope that everyone enjoyed their family time over the Christmas holiday. We have certainly enjoyed hearing the children sharing their stories during the past week.

It's a short half-term ahead, but a busy one! There's lots for the children to get involved in and we will be seeing the return of the Year 6 children setting up and running their own business in the coming weeks—a tuck shop for the rest of the school. Please keep a look out for their letters about this.

Year 5 have enjoyed an Anglo-Saxon day this week—having the chance to get fully involved in finding out about this new history area of learning.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Keefe

Diary Dates

Year 6 National Measurement Programme	16th January
Panathlon Competition	17th January
Sports for Schools Launch Assembly	18th January
Young Voices O2 trip	20th January
A15 Class Assembly	26th January
Year 3 Flag Fen trip	30th January
Sports for School Paralympic Athlete Visit	1st February
School Readathon	6th—10th February
Year 5 Coffee Morning	7th February
Year 5/6 Football Tournament	7th February
Year 6 Dental Survey	8th February
End of Half-Term	10th February
Return to School	20th February

Staffing

A very warm welcome to Mrs Finley, who has joined the Year 5 teaching team this term. Mrs Finley is a very experienced teacher and we are delighted to have her join the team.

After many years at our school, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Austin, our School Administrator at the end of January. We wish her the very best and hope she enjoys the time at home with her family.

We are currently advertising for a new School Administrator—please do point people in the direction of our school website if you know of a suitable person seeking a new challenge.

Sports for Schools

We are delighted to have a Paralympian visiting the school this term. The children will find out next week who this person is—we hope they'll be excited as we are.

When they visit us on 1st February, the children will find out more about their story, and get the chance to take part in a series of physical challenges with them.

Half-Termly Overviews

Alongside this newsletter, you will find the half-termly overview for your child's learning this term attached.

We hope this provides you with useful information about the learning being covered in school.

Parking

Please remember that the road directly outside school has parking restrictions in place which mean that parents should not park there at home-time.

This is to make it safer for all our children on their journey to and from school. Please help us all to do this.

The grass verges are also getting damaged by parents choosing to park here—and we have been contacted by the Mayor of St Neots, who also requests that you ensure you are parking legally. There are spaces to park further up and down Longsands Road— please use these and then walk to school.

3 Simple Things to Support Your Child's Learning at Home

Please help your children by:

- Hearing them read regularly. For older children, ensuring they are reading regularly.
- Practising their tables at home—Times Tables Rockstars is great for this.
- Practising spellings—using the rule being taught in class that week, or practising the key words.

Pokemon Cards

We have noticed an increase in children bringing Pokemon cards into school. Please note that Pokemon cards are not allowed in school, and should be kept at home.