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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year to you all! I hope that you all had a very peaceful holiday. The routine of school and work is quite comforting for us all but also takes a bit of adjusting! I am writing with several news items that will be of interest and also reminders.

A message from the School Council

We will be supporting various events and charities this term including:

World Book Day 8th March

Red Nose Day 15th March

RSPCA – dates to be confirmed

Please look out for more information.

Our first appeal though is for **'Launchpad'** who support rough sleepers in Reading. Please see the attached leaflet for details of items that are desperately needed. We would like to collect these items on **THURSDAY 17th and FRIDAY 18th JANUARY** – please drop them off in the playground before and after school! Thank you.

The School Council Team

Crisp packet recycling

With huge thanks to Luke, Elliot and Scout's mum Helen, we have now launched a recycling scheme for all brands of crisp packets here at school. The children can bring in extra empty packets from home as well as those eaten in school. The collection point is just inside **the 'Junior' entrance**. We can't accept popcorn bags, crisp tubes, Pretzel bags or meat snack bags. More information can be found at <https://www.walkers.co.uk/recycle>

Colgate recycling

This time with many thanks to Jonah and Isla's mum Rachel, we have launched a scheme to recycle oral care products and packaging. Items can be brought to **the main office** where there is a collection point. We can accept any brand: toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrush outer packaging, toothbrushes, electric and battery toothbrush heads and toothpaste cartons.

We are hoping that both these initiatives prove popular and in the future we hope to extend our recycling further! Please note we also recycle batteries and old print cartridges at the school office. More information can be found at <https://www.terracycle.co.uk/en-GB/brigades/colgate>

Parents' forum

Our next Parents' Forum will be on **Wednesday 13th February 2019 7.30pm**. We will be discussing Fundraising, the role of the Governors and also 'Shared learning'. Please complete the attached if you have any questions you'd like to raise and then come along for the evening.

School Closures

Should we need to close the school in any event, including snow/lack of heating/or any other critical incident, we have several ways of communicating. These are:

- Local Radio stations including Heart and BBC Radio Berkshire,
- Our Twitter feed,
- The school website,
- The West Berkshire Council Website,
- We will also attempt to send out a text.

We always try our best to stay open so unless you hear through the above channels you can assume we are OPEN. We only contact the local media when we are closed.

After school responsibility

I would like to remind you that the end of the school day the responsibility for caring for your child(ren) is passed to parents/carers once they have either been handed over at the classroom door (Infants) or they leave the school building (Juniors). Usually they are not permitted to use any school equipment unless they are with a member of staff nor are they allowed to climb on walls/fences. We therefore respectfully ask that children are reminded not play on the equipment or on any walls or fences on their way home. I will remind them in assembly that these rules apply all the time and are for their safety. Thank you in advance for your support.

Lunchtime menu change - please note that we are swapping the menu around next Thursday 17th and Friday 18th January.

Thursday 17 th	Friday 18 th
Fish and Chips with Tomato Sauce	Spaghetti Bolognese
Quorn Sausage & Chips with Tomato sauce	Tomato & Lentil Vegetable Pasta
Pea or Baked Beans & Freshly Prepared Salad Bar	Seasonal Vegetables & Freshly Prepared Salad Bar
Oat Dream Cookies	Gingerbread Cake
Fruit Yoghurt	Fruit Yoghurt
Fresh Fruit Platter and Fresh Fruit Salad Pots	Fresh Fruit Platter and Fresh Fruit Salad Pots

Yours sincerely,



Mr. P. Thorne,
Headteacher

Please return to school by Friday 1st February 2019

Parents' Forum - 13th February 2019 7.30pm

Name of child(ren) _____

I will be attending the Parents' forum.

I will not be attending the Parents' forum.

Signed: _____

I would like to ask the following question (s) about fundraising, the role of the Governors or shared learning:

THE COLGATE® ORAL CARE RECYCLING PROGRAMME

ACCEPTED WASTE



Waste that is NOT accepted:

- Dental Floss and Floss Containers
- Interdental Brushes
- Toothache Kits
- Breath Sprays
- Denture Adhesives Packaging
- Denture Tablets Packaging
- Denture Cream Tubes
- Battery Toothbrushes
- Mouthwash Plastic Bottles
- Tubes that did not contain toothpaste
- Outer packaging that did not contain toothbrushes
- Cartons that did not contain toothpaste





Launchpad

Helping Reading People
Vulnerable To Homelessness

**Thursday 17th
and
Friday 18th**

CAN YOU SUPPORT ROUGH SLEEPERS IN READING THIS WINTER?

Each winter when the temperature falls below freezing, Launchpad and our partners provide emergency shelter for rough sleepers in Reading.

This strategy, the Severe Weather Emergency Provision (S.W.E.P.), provides a hot meal, warm clothes, a space to wash, and a warm, safe place to sleep when it's most needed.

Can you support us by donating the items we need?

Food & Drink	Toiletries	Clothing & Other Items
Strong Tea	Bars of Soap	Winter Hats
Instant Coffee	Shampoo / Shower Gel	Thermal Pants / Socks
Hot Chocolate	Toothpaste + Toothbrushes	Scarves
Bags of Sugar	Hair Combs / Brushes	Thick Gloves
Instant / Potted Noodles	Roll on / Spray Deodorant	Sleeping Bags
Cup-a-soups	Non-Alcoholic Hand sanitizer	Bath Towels
Energy / Cereal Bars	Face / Skin wipes	Drawstring Bags / Rucksacks
Sweets/Mints		
Crisps		
Water / juice / soft drinks		

Please note

70% of our client group are male

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IMPORTANT DATES **2018-19**



Welcome time (3.15pm – 3.45pm)

- Spring Term – Tuesday 15th January 2019
- Summer Term – Thursday 6th June 2019

Parents' Meetings

- Spring Term – Tuesday 23rd April 2019 (All day – please note this is an INSET day)

Parents' Forum

- Spring Term – Wednesday 13th February 2019 7.30pm
- Summer Term – Thursday 9th May 2019 7.30pm

'Class assembly' to Parents

- Year 3 – w/b 11th February 2019
- Year 4 - w/b 18th March 2019
- Year 5 - w/b 8th July 2019

Scoot, walk or ride weeks –4th March 2019, 10th June 2019

Sports Day -Wednesday 26th June 2018, Infants am, Juniors pm (Reserve day Friday 28th June)

'Meet the teacher' evening – Wednesday 19th June 2019

Transition week/Class swap - week beginning 1st July 2019 (For Year 6 moving to Year 7 and all classes in school)

Leavers' Assembly and BBQ- Tuesday 23rd July 2019 6.30pm