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Dear Parents and Carers,

10th January 2020

A very warm welcome back to Spring 2020; I hope you all had a lovely break- it's great to see the children back in school and I'm sure that you are really pleased term has started again!

A few points of information to keep you all updated:

Water Damage

We returned from the break to a significant leak of water into our school hall from the Unite building above, which has substantially damaged the hall ceiling and floor, as well as a second leak in the Group Room on the second floor. The LDBS, Camden and our Governors are aware. Whilst we work with Unite to rectify the damage, we have had to cordon off a part of our hall which is impacting Breakfast Club, assemblies, lunchtimes and PE as well as the future planning of parental events, such as class assemblies. Father Paschal has kindly freed St Mary's Church for the next two assemblies as follows:

Year 1 – 23rd January, 2.50pm

Year 3 – 5th February, 2.50pm

The staff and children have been wonderful in coping with the disruption and we are pressing for a robust response from Unite to allow us to get back to normal.

EYFS Staffing and Leadership

We said farewell and best of luck this Wednesday to Miss Nutbrown, who has started her maternity leave. We have already welcomed Tanit Madanes, who will be teaching the Reception class. Tanit began working in the school before Christmas to get to know the children and plan for this term, and I know the Reception parents have met her already. Tanit is a very experienced EYFS teacher and we are very lucky to have her on the team.

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We congratulate Mr Bridgford in his appointment as EYFS Leader in Miss Nutbrown's absence. He will be ensuring that the EYFS expectations and standards are maintained.

Parents Meetings

I hope you found the parents meetings with teachers before the break helpful. We aim for 100% attendance at meetings, so if you weren't able to meet the teacher, please make an appointment to do so.

Lunch Money and Communication

Many schools now use an online payment system for lunch money and other payments -we are looking into this at the request of some parents and will update and consult with you once we have explored this option this month. We are also looking at a parent communication app.

Abusive Parents and Visitors Policy

Our school is a safe and happy environment and needs to remain so for children and staff alike, therefore we have a zero tolerance approach to inappropriate behaviour on the school site. May I refer you all to the above policy which you will find on our school website.

Shakespeare

For some years now, our Year 5 class have taken part in the annual Camden Shakespeare Production. This year, Year 2 will also be taking part. As a school we have decided to map a Shakespeare week into our Curriculum so that every child can experience Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'.

Can I remind you all that your first port of call for any query around your child is the class teacher - quick queries can usually be dealt with at the end of the day but you are very welcome to make an appointment for another time should you need to.

Happy new year to you all,

Jules Belton
Headteacher