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Dear Parents,

The new term continues at a busy pace and the children are enjoying their new learning adventures. Recently, Year 1 children were visited by a chef and participated in cooking Chinese food and our Year 2 children are visiting Streetwise to learn about how to keep themselves safe in a range of different situations.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused by the recent closure of the school. Unfortunately, as you are aware, the school's boiler had broken down and the engineers had to wait for a part to arrive before they could fix the boiler.

I would like to welcome Miss Burrows, a new member of our teaching assistant team to Rushcombe.

## Non-Uniform Day

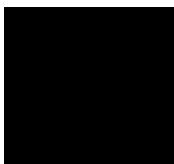
The School will be having a non-uniform day on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February to help raise money to support the victims of the Haiti earthquake. The devastating earthquake has had a huge impact and assistance is required to ensure survivors get food, clean water, emergency shelter, medical care and other support. We would appreciate your support by asking for donations which will be forwarded to the Disaster Emergency Committee which is an umbrella organisation for thirteen aid agencies, including the Red Cross, Oxfam and Save the Children. We thank you in anticipation of your support.

## School Nurse Drop in Clinic

Mrs Butcher, the school nurse, will be in school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February between 9.00 am and 10.00 am. If you have any queries about the health and development of your child, please feel free to come in and have a chat with her.

## Year 1 Celebration Assemblies

All parents with children in Year 1 are invited to attend their child's celebration assembly: Elm class [Miss Gerra's] assembly will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February and Pine class [Miss Gurney's] assembly will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Both assemblies will take place in the school hall at 2.40pm and entry will be through the new office/reception area from 2.30 pm. The Year 1 open afternoons will take place after each class assembly.



### **Open Afternoons**

This term each class or year group will be inviting parents with their children to come and visit their rooms. This will be an opportunity for your child/ren to show you around their classroom and share the work they have been involved in this term.

- Year 1 ~ Elm Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 3.05 pm - 4.00 pm
- Year 1 ~ Pine Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 3.05 pm - 4.00 pm
- Year 3 ~ Maple and Beech Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 3.05pm - 4.00 pm
- Year 4 ~ Hawthorn and Rowan Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March - further details to follow

Both Foundation and Year 2 open afternoons will be set shortly.

### **Dorset Internet Safety Day**

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February at The Children's Centre [above the library] in Poole's Dolphin Centre Dorset County Council and Dorset Police are hosting an information day about internet safety. The centre will be open to the public from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and entry is free.

### **Friends of Rushcombe**

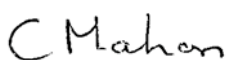
The Friends are busy organising different social and fundraising activities. They will be hosting a Fashion Show on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March between 7.00 pm and 8.15 pm and all are welcome to attend. The Friends will be selling tickets soon and we look forward to seeing you there. The Friends will also be shortly sending out information about a shopping website that helps raise funds for school. Your help is much appreciated and funds raised will go to providing additional resources and activities for the children.

### **Road Safety and Car Parking**

We would appreciate those parents who drive their children to and from school, to consider the safety of other children, parents and neighbours whilst using the car park and the surrounding area. The school would also encourage you to drive slowly in the car park area and to be aware of all pedestrians. Your support and cooperation in keeping our school environment a safe place to be for everyone at these busy times is much appreciated.

A reminder that the children will finish school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February for the half term break and return to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. I hope you all have a good half term break.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher