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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school from all the staff at Salisbury and Happy New Year! It has been wonderful to see the children rush through the doors as the new year begins. Thank you, as ever, for your efforts in ensuring that they are smart and in full school uniform and black shoes.

Staffing news

We have a few staff changes this year due to some staff going onto maternity and others being ill. We have no baby news as of yet. Mrs Hunt-Squires class continues to be covered by Mrs Parkes. Y1/2RP is being covered by Mrs Hunter and Mrs Capewell will be covering the class from Monday 11th February. Mrs Bayley has taken over as Acting Assistant Head for a year. Miss Brunell joins us as a 1:1 learning support, Miss Patel joins us as a L3 TA and Mrs Webb and Mrs Amoah joins us as dinner supervisors. Mrs Basu is our new Senior Administrator. We send you a warm welcome to Salisbury Primary School. Mr Sumner has been very ill over the last few weeks but he is on the mend now. We cover his clubs within school – we welcome Mr Griffiths as his cover.

Goodbye and good luck to Mrs Smith and Mrs Pandor have left us to move onto new ventures and we wish them well. They had both been with Salisbury for over 16 years and we shall miss them greatly.

Learning

You should have received your child's curriculum letters at the end of December which informs you of their learning this coming half term. Please ask your child's teacher if you have not received this.

Maths workshop

Our Maths Workshop on January 17th was extremely successful, seeing over 50 families join in our Maths fun. We will follow up on this with more Maths Workshops as asked for by you.

Updates to the website and Facebook

Please continue to check the website for updates and publications of any correspondence sent out to you. Please also ensure that we have the correct mobile phone number for you so that you can receive our text messages. Unfortunately, we had to remove our Facebook page due to a 'fake' parent account making inappropriate comments regarding a member of staff. This is a shame but unfortunately we are unable to use Facebook as comments can be left – if anyone knows how we could get around this we would be grateful to hear from you.

Dinner money

Please ensure that all monies are paid at the front office or given to your child to give to the class teacher. You must have your child's name and class clearly marked and, if possible, with the correct amount. Currently the cost of a school meal is £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week. A meal survey was sent out a few weeks ago and please have your voice heard by returning this asap.

Attendance

Well, we have seen a huge improvement in our attendance last term with us seeing our overall attendance with an increase of 2.2% on autumn term 2018 and our persistent absence has gone down to 6.7%. Thank you for working with us on this. Please remember though that we need to be at 96% and December saw us at 92% with many families going on holiday. An attendance letter will follow shortly.

Head lice

We have some reported cases of head lice – please check your child's hair every night and visit your chemist if you think your child might need treatment.

Expansion

I know you have received a letter about our expansion not happening now but we didn't go down without a fight. I do have some good news for you and I will report back as soon as I have confirmed information.

Thank you all in anticipation of your support for the forthcoming year.

Yours faithfully,

pp. Steen

Mrs Deborah Steen
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

30.01.19 – Y5/6ZB assembly
04.02.19 – 100% attendance cinema treat
06.02.19 – Y3/4KS assembly
08.02.19 – EYFS workshop 9 am
13.02.19 – Y3/4SH assembly
18.02.19 – Half term

25.02.19 – Back to school – Teacher Training Day – No school for children

27.02.19 – Y3/4NU assembly
06.03.19 – Y1/2KM assembly
13.03.19 – Y1/2AL assembly
19.03.19 – EYFS workshop 9 am
20.03.19 – Y1/2RP assembly
27.03.19 – Music assembly
08.04.19 – EYFS workshop 9 am
15.04.19 - Easter holidays

29.04.19 – Back to school

17.05.19 - EYFS workshop 9 am
20.06.19 – EYFS workshop 9 am

