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Dear Parents,

A very Happy New Year to you all. I would like to welcome everybody back to the new term. The children seem full of beans and ready to go after the Christmas break. We have a busy term planned and teachers will be sending out Curriculum letters at the beginning of next week outlining the areas of learning this term.

Our timings of the school day remain unchanged and arrangements for After School Clubs start officially next week. For those of you who use our wraparound care, we would be grateful if you could pick your children up by 4.15pm if staying for the first session and pre-book the second session if this is required. This is very helpful for catering purposes.

We will continue to have visits from the Norton Pop-Up Library this term. In order to make this slightly easier, the Library are making duplicate cards for the children so we can keep a library card in school. However, there are a few families whose children have been using their original library card and therefore have not had a new one provided. If this applies to your child, I would be very grateful if you could pop into the office at either drop off or pick up time so we can take a photocopy of it. We will then be able to make a duplicate card. I would be very grateful if you could do this by next Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> as the next visit from the Library will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

The children in Derwent Class look fabulous today dressed as superheroes. Unfortunately, our playhouse in the EYFS outside area is no longer fit for superheroes to play in! After years out in the elements, the wood underneath the house is rotten and we now will need to demolish the playhouse and find something else to put in its place. Before I look into alternative solutions for this, would there be any willing volunteers to form a small working party to help take the house apart and remove it from the area? We would be very grateful for any help if there are any willing volunteers. I know that Miss Oscroft and the Derwent Class team are thinking about suitable replacements for the space. Again, if anyone has any ideas, please do let me or Miss Oscroft know. Thanks in advance.

This term, I am holding a Parent Forum to give parents an opportunity to meet with myself, Sam and members of our Governing Board to discuss our school and provide an opportunity for parents to raise thoughts and comments about the life of school. The meeting this term is set for 2.30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. As part of this, I would like us to look at our school vision and values but I would also welcome any agenda items that you would like including. Please do let me know by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January if there is

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anything you would like including. All parents are very welcome to join us for this so please do come along if you can.

We are hoping for a happy and healthy term. The guidance produced yesterday indicates that parents are asked to keep children at home if they have a fever, otherwise children can come into school with minor coughs and colds. As I always say, this is a hardworking term without the distractions of Christmas and end of term productions in the Summer, so regular attendance is vital wherever possible.

With very best wishes,

Rachel Ray  
Headteacher