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Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to wish you all a very happy new year and welcome back to the new school term. I hope you managed to enjoy the two week break, spending time with those most important to you.

Obviously, much has been written in the media in relation to the return to school. Suffice to say that we are continuing in very much the same way that we operated last term with a possible difference being the cautious optimism we have as we move forward into the new year. However, we are still maintaining high levels of ventilation within the classrooms which at this time of year can make it a little bit cold. If children wish to bring additional 'layers' of clothing to wear in class, there is no problem with this. We want everybody to feel as comfortable as possible. Of course, none of us are able to predict what may happen in the times to come but as things stand, we are keen to move forward, looking to hold the various events we enjoyed in previous years as you will see on the calendar of events and diary dates.

Transition Week

This is a long way off, I know, but the dates have been changed which will have consequences for our arrangements. The date is now the week beginning 4th July as opposed to previous years where it has been during the last week of the term. Please note the change of dates of Sports Day, reports being sent home and parent / teacher consultation meetings. Be aware that the transition dates have been arranged in consultation with local schools.

Mini Shoppers

Friends of Belmont would like to thank you for your support for the Mini Shoppers event we held before Christmas. The children really enjoyed choosing their gifts and we hope you enjoyed receiving them. We raised over £560 for our school. We'd love to run the event again, so if you have any unwanted gifts please drop them into the school office and we'll put them away for next year. Many thanks to Mrs Morton and the team of helpers who facilitated this.

School Uniform

Part of the school uniform policy states that footwear should be 'plain black sensible school shoes with no obvious sports logos (no trainers or boots)'. A number of children are currently attending school in boots which we do not feel are appropriate, hence the regulation within the policy. If these are more comfortable for walking to school then that is fine but once in school, these should be changed into the correct shoes.

Clubs

Most clubs will be starting again next week with the exception of football club with Mr Harper. It is hoped this will recommence in the second half term.

We also have this message from Mrs Leather:

Dance Club for Key Stage 2 will recommence on Tuesday 11th January and will run for a new duration of 3:15-4:05pm. Anyone who previously attended in the Autumn term we look forward to welcoming you back. Due to numbers, there are a few spaces available and if your child would like to participate please contact the school office. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The running club lunchtime rota is as follows:

	WEEK 1 WB 10.01.22 07.02.22 14.03.22	WEEK 2 WB 17.01.22 14.02.22 21.03.22	WEEK 3 WB 24.01.22 28.02.22 28.03.22	WEEK 4 WB 31.01.22 07.03.22 04.04.22
MON	Y6	Y3	Y4	Y5
TUES	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
WEDS	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y3
THURS	Y5	Y6	Y3	Y4

Diary Dates

We have now allocated our final PD Day for the year and this will be Friday 24th June. We have also made the decision to return to school, on Thursday 1st September. This means there will be no PD Day at the start of the school year as we feel that, given that the published starting day is a Thursday, to have effectively a one day week would be somewhat disruptive (which is obviously what it would be with a PD Day allocated for the 1st). We will also be adding the end of Year Six performance to the calendar once this is arranged. Remember also that the 'long weekend' in the autumn term will see the school closed for PD Days on Friday 2nd and Monday 5th December.

I am sure that as the term progresses there will be various other events to add.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr C Gibson