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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather is beginning to feel much colder, please ensure children come to school dressed appropriately for the cold weather. Some children are still arriving at school without coats or clothes to keep them warm.

### **Africa**

The children really enjoyed the African Drumming Workshop that visited the school last week. The children all experienced using traditional African drums and had a fantastic time learning about the history of African drumming as well as experimenting with their own drumming patterns.

### **African Printing**

Mrs Pipe has been working with the children this week, creating Traditional African printing on cotton. Next week the children will be dyeing their designs; these will be made into wall hangings that will be on display in the main corridors of the school in December.

### **Christmas Decorations**

Mrs Edwards and the teaching staff are finalising plans for our Christmas decorations; this year there will be an African theme to our Christmas decorations!

### **Take Over Day**

The children in Year 6 have spent today at various locations across Sussex as part of 'Take Over Day'. This National event gives children the chance to be involved with 'work experience'. This year our children have been at Raystede Animal Sanctuary working as veterinary nurses, Hove Fire Station working as Firemen, The Sussex Express working as reporters and Sutton Hall Farm working as Farmers. I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make 'Take Over Day' a special day once again this year.

### **HLTA**

The School is very pleased to announce that after a gruelling day of interviews and activities, Mrs Coppard will be working in a different role from next week. Currently Mrs Coppard is employed by the school as a teaching assistant; although she has a High Level Teaching Assistant qualification. From next week Mrs Coppard will be working in Badgers Class and will have additional duties during the afternoon sessions to complete interventions for children who require additional educational support. Mrs Tomsett will be working in Squirrels Class and Mrs Matthews will be working in Hedgehogs Class. This new arrangement will ensure the school is able to provide more support for specific groups of children.

## **Charity**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Children In Need Appeal, the children had a very enjoyable day dressed in their pyjamas and the school raised £142 to support this worthy cause.

Today the children have been given permission to wear their home clothes to school to help support the British Red Cross Typhoon Haiyan Appeal. The school tries to ensure we are sensible with our requests to support charities throughout the year as it is a difficult time financially for many families in our own community.

## **PTA Christmas Fair**

The PTA Christmas fair is taking place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 2pm in the school hall; please come along and enjoy this fantastic event. Year 6 will be running a Second Hand Toy Stall; if you have a toy, game or book at home that is no longer used or played with and is in good condition, please bring it into school next week so that it can be found a new home. Thank you all for your continued support!

## **Listening to Readers**

If any parents or grandparents have any spare time to come into school on a regular basis to listen to readers I would greatly appreciate any support given. It is essential the children are heard to read as much as possible to develop their literacy skills.

## **Forth Coming Dates**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Open Morning for New Parents 9.30 – 11.30am

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Badger Class Assembly

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Open Morning for New Parents 9.30 – 11.30am

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Owl Class Assembly

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - KS 1 Christmas Performance 9am

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - KS 2 Christmas Carol Service at St. Mary's Church 9am

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day Of Term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 - INSET DAY

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - First Day of Term 3

If you have any questions or queries regarding any aspect of school life please do not hesitate to speak with the class teachers, the school office or myself. I hope you enjoy a relaxing weekend.

Best Wishes

Stewart James

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