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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wrote to you recently to inform you of the Class Parent Representatives. These are:

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| Hedgehogs | Mrs Hibberd and Mrs Fry |
| Squirrels | Mrs Douglass and Mrs Montebello |
| Badgers | Mrs Hatchard and Mrs Webb Ekstrand |
| Foxes | Mrs Pendered and Mrs Hill |
| Owls | Mrs Scripps and Mrs Sizen |

At a recent meeting we discussed school priorities for this year and ways our whole community can work together to help the school improve / address these. Through data analysis the school has identified our girls are outperforming our boys in writing at Key Stage One and our boys are outperforming our girls in Maths at Key Stage Two. The school has made a number of changes to the planning and delivery of our lessons to ensure each focused group improve their performance in the future. Throughout the beginning of next year curriculum leaders will also be organising parent workshops to help parents realise how we teach key skills at school. These workshops will focus on:

The Teaching of Phonics – Wednesday 22nd January (4.30 – 5.30pm)

Development in the Teaching of Calculation – Wednesday 5th February (4.30 – 5.30pm)

Engaging children in Writing – Wednesday 5th March (4.30 – 5.30pm)

The School will also be holding a Visioning day on Monday 6th January during a whole school INSET. The new Parent Representatives have been asked to feed back any ideas you as parents have as to what you would like our school to look like in three years' time! I would greatly appreciate any comments you would have in relation to developing a new school vision as these will form part of the discussions on the day.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, if you are able to give up a small part of your day to help the children with their reading we would really appreciate it.

Finally, can I please remind you all to return the Christmas Lunch order forms by Friday 6th December even if your child is having a packed lunch. Unfortunately Chartwells are unable to take any orders on the day so if lunch is not ordered they will have to bring in a packed lunch on the 18th.

If you are able to help or would like more information about any of the issues raised please do not hesitate to contact me or see your Class Parent Representative.

Best Wishes

Stewart James
Head Teacher