



Firstly, a very happy new year to all families; I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. It has been great to have the children back in school this week and raring to go.

Clearly, this has not been an easy first week back! As I have said in my emails this week, closing the school is not something we would ever want to do and we have done all we can to get the children back in. We have had many engineer visits during the week to address a number of faults that have been stopping, and then severely limiting, the heating into the building. As a contingency, we have had to use portable heaters to warm up the spaces most commonly used by the children and the children and staff have dealt very well with the difficult circumstances. At the time of writing, we do have heating in the building and the classrooms are considerably warmer. A more permanent fix has been ordered so we await the parts to arrive. I am hopeful with the warmer weather coming and the heating now on, we should be in a better place next week.

My apologies again for the inconvenience and uncertainty this week. We have done our very best to get the school open, safe and comfortable as soon as possible, as we want children to be in school learning. To put a positive spin on a difficult week, I have now learned a lot of new words and know more than I thought I ever would about the flow and header return on the master ground source unit. Every cloud.

Mr Monro

#### Information from the NHS

##### **NHS Pharmacy First Service**

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

\*NHS Pharmacy First Service: In pharmacies in England only. Subject to availability. Treatment is subject to suitability assessment. Normal NHS prescription charge rules apply.

#### **Dates and Events**

##### Term Dates

<https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=1442>

##### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Children's Mental Health Week

##### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Safer Internet Week

##### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Young Voices at O2

##### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Year 2 Mosque Trip

##### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Last day of half term

##### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

End of Spring Term

#### **Community Events**

There are a number of community events run by external groups in the local areas. For information about some of these events, please see the school website: <https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Community+Events+and+Activities&pid=1467>

#### **Parents in the morning**

Please could we ask that parents do not enter the school building in the morning when dropping off children. This is both for safeguarding reasons but also to help build the children's independence in organising themselves at the start of the school day. If you need to speak to the teacher, they can come to the door or speak to you after school. Many thanks for your help.

## Parent Survey

Thanks for the responses to the parent survey last half term. They will be very helpful in celebrating what we are doing well and identifying what we could do to improve the school. Of the respondents, 90% felt that this was a good school and areas such as the caring nature of staff and the positive relationships and environment in the school were mentioned by a number of parents. The vast majority of respondents also felt their child made good progress at school, the children had a range of learning opportunities, and that any concerns they did have were dealt with properly.

Moving forwards, a number of parents commented on the limited range of extra-curricular clubs after school. This is an area we are looking to develop and we have 2 new clubs starting this term to try and expand the range of opportunities for children. In the coming year, we will find out from parents more about what they would like to see with regards to after-school clubs so we can continue to develop this offer.

## Year 6 Hook Day

Year 6 launched their new topic, 'I'm a pupil, get me out of here' by being stranded in the Amazon rainforest! They had to try to call for help by signalling for a plane overhead, guessed what mysterious substances they could feel in trays and avoided dehydration and starvation by drinking water and eating seaweed, gherkins and anchovies. Fortunately, everyone made it out safely!

