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Welcome Back and Happy New Year!!

I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break! We are all raring to go for a short, but action-packed Spring term!

At the end of the Autumn term, we said a sad goodbye to our beloved Mr. Lammas, who has moved on to the dizzying heights of coordinator for a large educational sports company. We wish him well in his new job and thank him for all his years of service at Mayflower – he will be very missed by all! We sent him off with a very special Mayflower sports shirt embossed in his name!



We also said a fond farewell to Mrs. Black, who has gone on maternity leave. I am sure she will keep us posted on the progress of her new arrival and we hope to meet her in the coming months! We sent her off with numerous 'baby' goodies!

We do have some 'welcomes' to do...we welcome back Miss. Calvert, who rejoins us as a Learning Support Assistant after her time away at a Specialist Provision. We hope she has learnt lots and we are eager to use her expertise! We also welcome two new members to the team...Mrs. Bennell and Mrs. James, who join us as part time Learning Support Assistants. We hope they enjoy working at Mayflower!

Executive Head teacher role

Last term, the Chair of Governors wrote to you to inform you of my temporary role supporting another school as Executive Head Teacher. He wrote, *"In recognition of this strong leadership, the Local Authority have asked that Mrs Bartholomew is released from her duties at Mayflower for a couple of days a week for the Spring term, to help run another school which is in need of support. This is an Executive Head Teacher role and will allow Mrs Bartholomew to develop further as a leader, bringing back ideas for the future development of our own school. On the two days a week when she is at the other school, Ms Larue will be Acting Head Teacher."*

This is just a reminder that you will see a little less of me this term, but that Mayflower is in safe hands and things will return to normal in the summer term.

Diary Dates

Thurs 5th January 2023: First day of Spring Term; children back in school;

Swimming begins for class 4SS

13th-17th February: Half term

2nd March: World Book Day

7th & 8th March: Parents Evening (10-minute appts) 3.30-6pm

8th March: Author visit, James Campbell (opportunity to purchase his books)

School Dinner Issues

THANK YOU to everyone who has remembered to order their school dinners in advance!! So far, this is working well, with only a small handful of families needing reminding.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRE-ORDER ALL LUNCHESES!!

All school meals should be booked via MCAS the week before they are required (by Saturday evening at the latest). The office staff have been spending hours each day, adding 70+ dinners into the registers where parents have not pre-booked their child/children's lunch. This can't continue, least of all because of the time it is taking AND the ARREARS which are building up. All parents should pre-book lunches via MCAS whether your child/children are entitled to Free School Meals or you are paying.

As a result, from the first week back in January, we will no longer be adding any school meals to the registers that are not already booked. We will be calling parents to bring a packed lunch for your child/children if the dinner choices are not selected.

And please make sure your child knows whether they are school dinners or packed lunch too!

Thank you!



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**Harwich Town Council's
Wednesday Winter Warmer**

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL
EVERY WEDNESDAY

4th January - 29th March 2023
11.00AM TO 1.00PM

**Refreshments and activity tables available whilst
open with soup and bread served at lunchtime.**

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