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Dear Parents

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Firstly, a very happy New Year to you all. I hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas. I never think that it is the most restful of holidays but hopefully you managed to recharge the batteries! The children looked very smart and tidy when they returned to school on Tuesday - I wonder how long they will stay that way?!

## **School Office**

You will recall that we said farewell to Mrs Thwaites at the end of last term. Mrs. Julie Probert is now working alongside Mrs. Orchard in the school office.

## **Punctuality**

I have been concerned over the last two mornings at the number of children who have arrived late to school. Please make sure that your child arrives between 8.45 a.m. and 8.55 a.m.

## **Help with Reading**

We could do with some more parents (or grandparents) to help with listening to children read. Please speak to Lynne Gosling who coordinates this for us or contact the school office. Many thanks.

## **Swimming**

A reminder that Years 3 and 4 will be going swimming from this coming Monday.

## **Free School Meals**

You should receive a leaflet today from the Local Authority regarding Free School Meals. If you are eligible I would urge you to make the necessary arrangements as soon as possible.

## School Admissions Consultation

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2013/14 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The main change proposed is to allow an increase in the number of preferences from three to four, i.e. parents will be able to apply to four schools, as opposed to only three as currently. Views are also being sought on:

- A rule to prioritise children of school staff
- Amending the priority area rules and "nearest" school definitions
- Other proposals for the treatment of twins/multiple births, a single sex priority area and in year admissions

The consultation period runs until 29 February 2012. Please visit [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions2013](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions2013) for more information and to respond online or call Mini Harish on 01992 555840 for a copy of the consultation document.

Yours sincerely

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## Diary Dates

Monday 9 January

Swimming starts for Years 4 and 3

Monday 30 January

Reception Parents to look at Learning Journals

*Monday 13 - Fri 17 February Spring Half Term*

Monday 20 February

Swimming will continue for Ys 4 and 3

Wednesday 7 and 14 March

Parents Evenings

Saturday 17 March

Netball Rally Small schools

Saturday 24 March	Netball Rally Large Schools
Saturday 24 March	Swimming Gala
<i>Mon 2 April - Fri 13 Apr</i>	<i>Easter Holidays</i>
<i>Monday 16 April</i>	<i>Inset Day - school closed</i>
Tuesday 17 April	Children return to school
Monday 23 April	Swimming will continue for Ys 4 and 3
<i>Monday 7 May</i>	<i>Bank Holiday</i>
<i>Monday 4 - Fri 8 June</i>	<i>Summer Half Term</i>
Monday 11 June	Swimming will continue for Ys 4 and 3
Tuesday 19 June	District Sports Field/Relay Heats
Thursday 21 June	District Sports Track
Friday 22 June	St John Fisher Day
Thursday 12 July	Yr 6 to Secondary Schools - 'Move up day' in school
<i>Friday 20 July</i>	<i>Term ends for children</i>
<i>Monday 23 July</i>	<i>Inset Day - school closed</i>