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Dear Parents,

OPEN BOOKS

It was great to see so many of you at our Open Books sessions this week. The children really enjoy sharing their work with you, especially the things they have practised and mastered throughout the term!

NEW HIGH SCHOOL IN BURY ST EDMUNDS

I have attached a leaflet with this newsletter, which gives information about the new high school in the Moreton Hall area of Bury St Edmunds. The new school will be run by the National Education Trust and will open in September 2016.

BOOK DAY

On Friday 6th March we will be holding a whole school 'Book Day', where we will focus on books, book characters and writing activities. As part of this we are inviting children (and staff) to come to school dressed as a book character!

PLAYTIME SNACKS

Although we provide fresh fruit at playtime we do understand that you may wish to send your child with an additional snack. Please could we remind you that snacks should not be sweets, chocolate bars or crisps.

PRESENTATION

This term as part of our monitoring of teaching and learning we have been looking at pupils work. We have now put in place some guidelines for the children in terms of how their work should be presented in maths and English with simple prompt cards

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at the front of their books. After half term you will also see these at the front of your child's homework book.

After half term we will introduce a joined up handwriting scheme, which will build joined up handwriting skills as children progress through the school. Research shows that the key advantages to this system are:

- By making each letter in one movement, children's hands develop a 'physical memory' of it, making it easier to produce the correct shape;
- Because letters and words flow from left to right, children are less likely to reverse letters which are typically difficult (like b/d or p/q);
- There is a clearer distinction between capital letters and lower case;
- The continuous flow of writing ultimately improves speed and spelling.

We will trial this initially in school and then send home information guidance for parents to ensure a consistent approach both at school and at home.

DINOSAURS!

On Monday we will be holding our 'Life Long Ago' workshop, which has been kindly funded by our Parent Group. Children will find out amazing facts about dinosaurs, uncover fossils and discover things about life during that time. The children will then participate in a week of enrichment activities based on the theme of dinosaurs. We will post photographs on the website at the end of the week on the class pages so that you can see what they have created and discovered.

I do hope you have a good weekend and we look forward to a very exciting week ahead!

Kind Regards,

Clare Lamb
Headteacher

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