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A very happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to the Spring term. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break. The children appear very pleased to be back and to be enjoying school and nursery.

If we are unlucky enough to get snow – I will try to keep the school open. In the event of closure, please listen to local radio stations which will inform you of any closures.

Summary of Target Areas for September 2011 – August 2012

These are our main school targets for this year:

- To further raise standards in writing through meaningful/purposeful activities and first hand experiences.
- To work towards becoming a Sustainable School. To use the Eco-School framework to help us embed these principles into the heart of the school. To achieve the Silver Award.
- To broaden and extend the international dimension of the school and achieve the International School's Intermediate Award.
- To develop learning outside the classroom both within the school grounds and beyond.
- To sustain improvements in attendance and punctuality through a systematic, co-ordinated and recorded follow up of all instances of pupil absence.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will be holding our Parent/Teacher Interviews during the week commencing 6th February. A letter will be sent out shortly about this. This will be a chance for you to see your child's Learning Journal. These are superb books containing the rich and varied work activities that your child has been engaged with since September. Two members of the Local Authority were astounded by the high standard of work they contain and the broad and rich activities covered. They also contain annotated photos and your child's next steps.

Eco Council

Our School Eco Council are working hard to help us to reduce our energy consumption. They are currently looking at ways in which to reduce our water consumption and also ways in which to support birds and wildlife in our school grounds.

International School Award

Having achieved the Foundation Level status in September 2011, the International School Strategy group worked hard to produce a policy and collected evidence of the wide variety of international work that takes place across the school. This was submitted in December and we are pleased to announce that we have achieved the 'Intermediate Level Award' for International Schools. During the Spring term we hope to secure links with other schools across the world as well as developing our link with Caister-On-Sea Infant School as a contrasting school to Mousehold Infant and Nursery (both are Outstanding Schools). We are hoping to make books, share photos of school life with other schools to continue to develop children's enthusiasm about other cultures and countries.

Flags by Adventure Play Equipment – Health and Safety Alert We need to keep your children safe.

Just a reminder to everyone that nobody is allowed onto the large playground equipment when the coloured flags are flying. We have a class rota for playtimes and lunchtimes so that everyone gets a turn under supervised

conditions. Many thanks for your help.

Cold Weather

The children are outside for quite a long time at lunch times and playtimes so please make sure your child comes prepared with a warm winter coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Please also make sure that of these have your child's name in. Thank you.

Class Assemblies

You are warmly invited to attend your child's class assembly which will be held on a Friday at 10.15. These have been hugely successful and the children really enjoy performing for you. Please see the dates listed below.

Dog Fouling

As you already know, we have an awful problem with continuing dog fouling outside the entrance to our school. I find it very difficult to understand how any dog owner could allow his or her pet to do this outside an Infant and Nursery School. This is absolutely unacceptable as it poses a health and safety risk to our children, parents and carers. We have repeatedly reported this problem to the Council and will continue to do so.

I would ask any parent or carer who might know who the owner of the dog is to come and see me or talk to a member of our office staff in confidence as we will ensure the relevant authorities are informed and hopefully prosecuted.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Spring Term Dates 2011

20.1.12 – Class 7 Assembly @ 10.15
3.2.12 – Class 8 Assembly @ 10.15
W/c 6.2.12 – Parent/teacher interviews
8.2.12 – Book Club day
10.2.12 – Class 9 Assembly @ 10.15

W/c 13.2.12 – Half Term

2.3.12 – Class 1 Assembly @ 10.15
16.3.12 – Class 2 Assembly @ 10.15
23.3.12 – Class 3 Assembly @ 10.15
30.3.12 – Last day of Spring Term