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Dear Parents

WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new school term. The children have settled back into school life really well and started the year brilliantly. We are very much looking forward to an exciting term ahead. Teachers are in the process of booking trips and visits and you will soon receive a curriculum newsletter outlining what your children will be learning about this term. Spring term parents' consultations will take place in March but if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress please feel free to come in and talk to your child's teacher or a member of SLT at a convenient time for you.

HERE TO HELP

It is extremely important to us that your child is happy and making good progress at school. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, we would encourage you to come and see us so that we can help. Whilst your first point of contact will usually be your child's class teacher, members of the leadership team will always be happy to help you. From January, Mrs Banks has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher, Mr Purshouse takes on the role of KS2 Coordinator and Mrs Benbow is Lead Practitioner for EYFS. Mrs Gilbey is Lead Practitioner for Collective Worship and the school's distinctive Christian character. Mrs de Graaff continues in her role as Assistant Headteacher and SENCo and Mr Dixon is Assistant Headteacher with pastoral responsibility. If you would like to speak to any of these members of staff, please ask at the office or telephone the school. As always, I operate an open door policy and am happy to see parents whenever I'm available.

SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Revd Preb Frazer Williams who served as Vicar for St Bart's and St Anne's from 1988 to 2006. I know the Penn community and beyond will remember Reverend Williams very fondly, with many of you having family services led by him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I would just like to remind you that jewellery, including earrings, is not part of school uniform and should not be worn to school. This excludes recognised jewellery worn for religious reasons and watches. Hair accessories should be appropriate for school; whilst the array of headbands we have been seeing recently (cat ears, unicorn horns and witch hats to name a few) are very exciting, we would ask that these are kept for outside school as they are proving to be quite distracting in the classroom.

I am sure that the Spring Term will prove to be exciting and I look forward to us continuing to work together to ensure your child's continued happiness, enjoyment and success.

Yours sincerely

Rachael Kilmister
Headteacher

