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Dear Parents

May I wish you all a very Happy New Year. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas Break despite the many forms of illness currently on the rise in the UK. If your child is ill, please remember to phone the school office to log the absence.

As the new term starts, may I remind parents and children to remember their PE kits, Forest School clothes, packed lunches, drinks and other equipment needed to be school ready. It can prove very disruptive for staff and the Admin Team to constantly ring parents and deliver lunches throughout the school morning.

I have told children that parents are very busy and it is 'their' responsibility to check their school bags daily to check they have all they need.

January can be a very difficult time financially for many parents. If any families require some help, please remember that I am authorised to give out Food Bank Vouchers. If you feel you are eligible and need some assistance, please ring school and book a time to see me confidentially through my PA – Mrs Kim Hughes.

School lunches have to be ordered online via 'School Money', (Eduspot) <https://eduspot.co.uk/> Orders have to be placed a week in advance. If there are no orders, we will presume your child does not want lunches that week and will be bringing a packed lunch from home. If you do not have access via the internet or are having difficulty using the School Money website, please contact the school office on 01305 820520 and ask for Mrs Gill Mintern, my Finance Officer, or a member of the Admin team. We are here to help you.

Health and Safety on the roads and in the school car park is much improved. Some parents are excellent in congratulating children for being vigilant about Road Safety. The police however have informed me that they are clamping down on parents who park on the zig zag lines. These areas must be kept clear as they are 'Blind Spots' for both pedestrians and drivers. The police will issue fines immediately if drivers do not adhere to these Highway rules.

In addition, please **DO NOT PARK IN THE DOCTOR'S CAR PARK**, and be aware not to block resident's access in and out of their property.

Thank you for your cooperation and not using or turning in the staff car park. This is a restricted area and potentially dangerous for parents and children alike.

There are a few incentives that we are trying to encourage in school and hope for your support as always.

Another skill we are trying to reinforce in school is about children using a knife and fork correctly. I know many parents are fully supportive and establish this plus table manners at home.

Sadly, many children are still unable to use their knife and fork correctly in school and as a basic life skill, we would really value your time and commitment in supporting us as we realise you have worked so hard in this aspect of home life and we want to mirror your high expectations.

St George's children are always highly praised when they go on trips or residential. Your children are real assets – both at school and at home, and I must congratulate all our parents for nurturing such polite and well mannered children.

As yet, we are still finalising some dates for your diaries, however, here are some events happening in or out of school this term. Any further dates will appear in my next newsletter:

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 21 st January	Year 5 Shakespeare Day – Parent Assembly 2.30 pm
Monday 27th January	After School Clubs Start
Tuesday 4 th February	Spring into Life Theatre Year 2-6 and Year 5 workshop
Monday 17th February-	
Friday 21st February	Half Term
Monday 2 nd March	Secondary School Offer Day
Monday 2 nd March –	
Friday 6 th March	World Book Week
Friday 6 th March	Dressing Up Day – theme to be arranged
Friday 13 th March	Games Day – Sport Relief
Monday 16 th March	Parent's Evening
Monday 23 rd March	Parent's Evening
Wednesday 1 st April –	
Friday 3 rd April	Year 5 Residential Trip to Hooke Court
Friday 3rd April	School Finishes for Easter at 2.30pm
Monday 20 th April	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21 st April	Children return to school

I look forward to seeing you over the forthcoming year.

Best Wishes

Mrs Luxon

