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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year

I hope you and your children enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. It was lovely to see all the children in the school hall on Monday excited about their Christmas holiday. May I, on behalf of all the staff, thank children and parents for the many cards and gifts we received at the end of last term – very much appreciated.

School Hall Hire

The school hall is available to hire on Tuesday, Wednesday or Fridays evenings from 4.30 pm for a regular group hire and also on a Saturday and Sunday. Please note the hall is not available for 'one off' events such as birthday parties. If you would like to hire the hall on a regular basis and would like further details please contact our School Business Manager, Sam Summers on 01908 507627 or email office@gilesbrook.co.uk

Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium Funding?

Are you in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support
- Employment & Support Allowance – Income related
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (NOT Contribution Based JSA)
- Child Tax Credit only (with a combined family income of less than £16,190 per annum as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) **Please note, anyone receiving Working Tax Credit, regardless of income, will NOT qualify for FSMs.**
- National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit

Every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed will be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. This is extra money for the school, provided by government, to pay for targeted support for learning. To register for Pupil Premium funding, all you have to do is complete the registration form. For all those who sign up, we will provide your child with free school uniform every year your child is at our school. If you think you may be eligible, you can download a form from <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/information-for-parents/school-meals> or contact Clare in the school office. Thank you.

Swimming Success

Holly Showler should be very proud of herself as over Christmas she competed in the Plymouth Leander Christmas Sprint. She entered 9 events & achieved the following:

7 Event Golds
2 Exhibition Golds
8 Personal Bests
& Female athlete of the weekend award

She was literally weighed down with all her medals on Monday. It is fantastic to hear of children's achievements outside of school. Well done Holly!

Starting School for the First Time

Please note that the closing date for children starting school for the first time is 15th January, 2015.

Staffing

On Monday we welcomed Sarah Carswell who is a new addition to our team of lunchtime supervisors.

Music Tuition

Music fees for the Autumn term are now overdue. Prompt payment will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Dates

11 th January	Teacher clubs begin
15 th January	Football tournament at Woughton on the Green
22 nd January	Year 3 Roald Dahl Children's Gallery
28 th January	Year 4 Ancient Egyptian Day
9 th February	Safer Internet Day
9 th February	Parents Evening (3.30pm – 5pm and 6pm – 8pm)
11 th February	Parents Evening (4pm – 7pm)
12 th February	School closes for half term
22 nd February	Teacher clubs begin
1 st March	Year 1 visit to Milton Keynes Museum
2 nd March	UKS2 visit to MK Theatre 'Goodnight Mr Tom'
3 rd March	World Book Day
4 th March	Travelling Theatre Company to the whole school 'Oliver Twist'
7 th March	Year 5 visit to the Living Rainforest
15 th March	MK Strictly Come Dancing Heats at 6.30pm
22 nd March	Foundation to Mead Open Farm
24 th March	School closes for Easter

Have a lovely weekend!

Claire

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Headteacher