



## Weekly Newsletter

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Happy New Year, we hope 2017 will be wonderful for you all.

### **Staff news - Mrs Westrope**

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Westrope had a baby girl on 21<sup>st</sup> December. Both mother, father, big sister Eloise and new baby Niamh are all doing very well and were very happy with their little Christmas bundle!

### **Mrs Bickerstaff and Banyan Tree Class**

We are also very excited to announce that Mrs Bickerstaff is expecting her third child in the Summer. We will be advertising for maternity leave cover shortly and will keep you well informed.

### **Zebra Crossing safety**

Please ensure you do not stand chatting at the Zebra crossing as we have been informed that drivers are unable to see who is crossing and there have been some near misses. Please always keep both sides of the crossing clear for people who are crossing and to ensure clear visibility for drivers.

### **What's happening in the school this week and next**

The children's Child Assault Prevention CAP workshops will be on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> January and the children will come home with handouts for you to discuss at home. Many thanks to you and the PTA for supporting this – it is really important and valuable to help keep our children safe. We would also recommend you looking at the CEOP website and this link [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5\\_7/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/) for advice about keeping your children safe online. The advice was strongly towards not using fear or a long list of 'don'ts' to protect children but empowerment and education. It was advised to regularly talk to your children about how they should keep themselves safe both in the real world and the online one.

### **Dates for your diary**

Half term – school closes on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3:15pm and we return on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am. There is no school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Easter holidays – these begin on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 3:15pm

Parent consultations – these are on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

### **Staff Absences**

There are none planned this week.

### **Praise Assemblies**

Will be announced next week.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest