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Dear Families

I hope you all had the very best start to the new year. We have just come to the end of our second week back, and what a very cold start to the spring term! However, it has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm and energy, ready for the exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead.

Going forward, there will be some changes to school communications this term.

At the beginning of every term each class will be sending out a 'Class Booklet'. This will provide information about topics, areas of the curriculum and learning activities that the children will be experiencing in the coming term. It will detail arrangements for PE, Forest school and home learning as well as ideas for families to support at home. Our first class booklets will be sent to families at the beginning of next week.

There will be a monthly newsletter to families that will go out towards the end of each month. This Newsletter will contain information about events and school life at St Anthony's over previous month. Each class will have a page, we will report attendance, achievements, opportunities, and there will be links to events in the community. The dates for the Newsletters this term are:

Friday 31st January

Friday 21st February

Friday 21st March

Friday 11th April

Every Friday we will be sending out 'Dates for the Diary'.

This will be a weekly reminder of all the important dates and events coming up. It will let you know the days that I am in school and who you can speak to in my absence (this will normally be Mrs Mulgrew).

Changes to our plans are sometimes unavoidable, we hope that these reminders will provide our families with regular up to date information in a way that is clear and concise.

There will also be some changes to how we organise PE. The New Curriculum in Wales requires schools to provide opportunities for children to have the skills and knowledge to manage everyday life as independently as they can. Getting changed for PE and taking

responsibility for their belongings provides an excellent opportunity to do this on a regular basis.

This term we ask that all children in lower school and Years 3&4 bring their PE kit into school, in a bag clearly labelled with their name. Each item of clothing also needs to be clearly labelled with their name, to help us return any missing items to the correct owners! We ask that this bag is brought into school at the beginning of each half term and left in school. Having the PE kits in school allows us to be more flexible with PE days and lessons to make the most of our unpredictable weather!

Years 5&6 are to remain coming into school in their PE kit on their set day each week whilst we develop suitable changing areas for the children.

Children taking part in Forest School are also to continue coming into school in their suitable outdoor wear. This half term the Lower School are taking part in Forest School every Friday.

Also, an update about swimming. Ever increasing costs and budget cuts mean that we have to rely heavily on parental contributions to significantly support the cost of swimming. As a result, it is not financially viable for us to offer swimming this term. We will of course review this in the new financial year.

Finally, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can provide the very best for our children ensuring they grow in confidence, skills and uphold the values that make St Anthony's such a special place.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Wishing you all a happy and successful spring term!

Mrs Morris & The St Anthony's Team