



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year. I hope the children had a lovely Christmas break. It was great to see everyone enthusiastically come through the gates with smiles on their faces on Monday morning.

Children arrived at school to see that a large, mysterious crate had appeared, with the words 'Do Not Open' written on it, alongside some strange noises coming from inside. We were then even more surprised during our assembly to see that a reporter from the *Kentish Gazette* arrived at the school to ask us some questions, as they were writing a newspaper report about it!

All week, the children have been excited to find out what it might be, and in today's assembly I shared a letter from one of the head keepers at Wingham Wildlife Park, who gave us an explanation of what may have happened. There is more to follow on this unravelling situation next week...



Also, this week, we welcomed a new member of the team, Mrs. Grimwood, who is teaching in Year 3. The children have really enjoyed getting to know their new teacher and are looking forward to the rest of the year. We also welcome Mrs. Giddings, who is joining us for the term in Year 6 to teach maths alongside our other Year 6 teachers.

We say goodbye to Mrs. Erkul, who has taught at Warden House at different times for a number of years. We thank her for joining us for this interim period before Mrs. Hockley returned from maternity leave, and we are delighted to welcome Mrs. Hockley back.

You will have received class newsletters this week sharing the learning that children will be engaging with this term. As outlined in the letter sent at the end of last term regarding written reports, we welcome parents to make contact with teachers if you would like to discuss your child's progress. Next week, more information will be sent out regarding our review of the reporting system to parents and how progress is communicated.

The children were very excited to see snow falling today. For many, it was the first time they had ever seen it. We hope that you all have a lovely weekend and wrap up warm in this wintry weather.

Kind regards,  
**Mrs Cooper.**

## Dates for your diary

- ❖ Year 6 Residential Information Evening - Monday 12th January 5:30pm
- ❖ Year 2 & 3 Drama Workshop - Thursday 15th January
- ❖ Year 6 Bikeability - Thursday 15th January & Wednesday 21st January
- ❖ Year 6 Parents Evening - Wednesday 4th February & Thursday 5th February
- ❖ End of Term 3 - Friday 13th February
- ❖ Start of Term 4 - Monday 23rd February
- ❖ Young Voices O2 Trip - Tuesday 24th February
- ❖ Class photographs - Wednesday 25th February
- ❖ World Book Day - Thursday 5th March
- ❖ Year R-5 Parents Evening - Wednesday 25th March & Thursday 26th March
- ❖ End of Term 4 - Thursday 2nd April

**Please note term dates for the next academic year have now been added to the school website.**

## Attendance

**Whole school**

**93.18%**

**Year group of the week**

**Year 3**

## Book Recommendation

This week's book recommendation comes from Reeva in Reception.

**Book: The Twits by Roald Dahl**

"Because it's so funny and I love reading this with my sister, My favourite character is Mrs Twit" She would recommend this book all children.

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Term Value:  
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Next Week's Lunch  
Menu - Week 2

