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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this email finds you and your families well. It is great that most children are back in school following recent, winter illnesses. We hope this trend continues next term when the weather is better.

Clubs in Term 4

The clubs list has been sent out this week. Please return the slip for after-school clubs by the end of today. We are delighted that so many children are involved in the production again. This club provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to explore their creative talents and develop their confidence in performing arts. Rehearsals started this week and it already looks very promising.

Safer Internet Day

Children have been involved in Safer Internet Day activities this week. It kicked off with our Year 6 online safety heroes who delivered an impressive assembly on Tuesday. This link <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers> provides some excellent advice for parents. We have updated our website recently so it now also includes useful fact sheets for parents about a range of online apps and games. <https://barham.kent.sch.uk/parents/e-safety>

Phonics Workshops

On **Monday February 26th at 9:05 am**, a phonics workshop will take place in the Wrens' classroom for parents. Mrs Morgan will demonstrate the different parts of a typical phonics lesson. Mrs Sharpe will be doing the same for Jays' parents on **Wednesday February 28th at 2:45 pm**. Please wait by the classroom doors if you would like to attend the session. If you cannot come, there will be information sent home to explain how phonics is taught.

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. This funding will benefit your child with a reduction in costs for class educational visits, the residential trip, music lessons, clubs and a book bursary which enables the children to choose books to keep at home. We also use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school. The criteria changes slightly every year so even if you have not been successful when applying before, you may now be eligible. Please click on the link for further information or contact Mrs King in the office. <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>



As we approach the end of term, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks once again for your continued support. It has been great to see so many of you attending the drop-in session and recent parent assembly. We look forward to sharing more about your child's learning at the parent consultations which are taking place next term on Tuesday 19th March and Thursday 21st March.

Wishing you all a lovely break next week. The children return to school on Monday 19th February.

Yours sincerely

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is 'Al Higgins' and the signature on the right is 'Jo Duhig'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

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