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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! On the first day after the holiday we enjoyed gorgeous sunshine with a bit of breeze and lots of smiles from children refreshed by the break. One child even commented that Spring's coming - a marvellous show of the school's value of Optimism!

This term promises to be a busy term. Traditionally this term is shorter than the rest but has a lot packed in the relatively few weeks. As ever, we appreciate families helping school pace the term for the children by keeping them on top of their learning at home and letting teachers know of any support needed either at home or school.

You should find attached to this letter information from your child's Area Leader about the coming term, including the curriculum map and the timetable. You'll notice, as well, in the key dates that there are parent/carer consultation evenings for Year 2 on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and for Year 6 on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and an evening about how we teach Maths in each Area on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to help parents and carers understand what can be done at home to support the children. Maths was taught very differently before the start of the new curriculum a few years ago so even parents who have school aged children will find this event useful.

Finally, I need to let parents and carers know that this will be my last term at the school as I have been appointed as one of Her Majesty's Inspectors with Ofsted starting after the Easter holiday. This appointment comes as a huge honour to me and will be a natural progression for me after nearly 10 years of headship and nearly 20 years in senior leadership in schools. Since receiving news of my appointment, I have been working closely with the Chair of Governors to build a succession plan. Because the school is in such a strong position and has such strong networks across the country, including close ties with CMAT and Swavesey Village College, it is well placed to use this change in leadership as another opportunity for future positive developments for the children. Governors will update parents and carers about this exciting opportunity for the school as the term progresses.

I wish all members of our community the very best for 2018 and hope that we all take up the optimistic point offered by one of our children this morning - Spring is coming!

Regards

Dr Mistrano  
Head Teacher

