

Dear Parents, January 2018

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a lovely holiday. Thank you all very much for your lovely gifts last term, they were all very much appreciated and very kind of you all.

The term will start with the topic of 'Traditional Tales.' The children's interests and questioning may lead us in a different way but we will of course continue to keep you updated with our weekly newsletters. Please see overleaf for activity ideas that we aim to be doing over the course of the term. If you have any other ideas or you may have an area of interest or expertise that you would like to share, we would love to hear from you!

Can I please remind you that children should not be wearing jewellery, apart from the Sikh bangle. If ears have already been pierced, then the smallest of studs only should be worn. Long hair should always be tied up.

If you do have a query that you would like to talk to us about please feel free to come and talk to us <u>after</u> school <u>once all the children have been dismissed</u> or make an appointment to come and see one of us before school has started. It is not possible for us to talk when we come out to collect the children in the morning as our priority is getting the children into school safely to start the day as promptly as possible – thank you for your understanding.

A reminder that from time to time we will be asking for more information about what your child is doing at home. You will be notified via a form in your child's book bag which we ask you to fill in and send back to us the following Tuesday. If it is your child's turn to have this form we will also ask you to send us photographs of what your child did during the weekend. We will then work with them to make a 'Weekend News' sheet back at school. I politely request that you only send photographs of your child's weekend if you receive this form. Although I love seeing what the children have been playing/doing over the weekend, it becomes unmanageable to receive and respond to all the children's weekend news. Thank you for your support with this.

Can I please ask that all parents check their child's book bag daily and take out any letters/artwork that the children have brought home so that we know you have looked at them? Some book bags are becoming very full. Once again, thank you for your support with this.

We always enjoy hearing about what your child is doing at home and it also provides a valuable opportunity for discussion with your child. It also helps to steer the curriculum towards your child's interests so please do send in notes as well as any photographs for us to share in class and include in your child's learning journey. If it is easier for you to e-mail then please do so. My e-mail address is gratton@springgrove.hounslow.sch.uk.

We are starting a new idea this term and would like your help. In the classroom we have a sharing wall. We will be encouraging the children to add anything they have made or done during the session that they are proud of to the wall. At the end of the session the children will have the opportunity to share this with the class. We would also like them to bring anything from home that they have made or done to share. This could be a photograph of them doing the monkey bars at the park for the first time, a note from Mummy or Daddy to say that they got dressed by themselves or simply a picture or a model. Thank you in advance for your support with this. We look forward to seeing what the children have been up to!

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you this term.

Yours sincerely.

Mrs Gratton, Mrs Walker and Mrs Sisodia