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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see the children back after the Christmas break and so engaged with their learning. Popping in to classes, there is clearly lots of fantastic learning taking place and the children are always keen to share what they have been learning.

Thank you ever so much for sending children with spare shoes/boots to change in while the field is still very wet and muddy. It has made a huge difference to our cleaning staff and hopefully school shoes are coming home cleaner too. If your child does not have a change of shoes, they will just need to stay on the play-ground rather than using the field.

Please remember there are a number of ways to contact the school office, including using our MyEd/Iris Reach messaging system, email (office@derehamjunior.dneat.org) and by phone on 01362 693876. We would ask that at this time, in person visits to the office are limited and please remember you will need to wear a face covering in the reception area.

School Day Timings

Please note the front and back gates are opened daily at 8.40am where children are able to come into school and head round to their classes. **The gates are closed at 8.55am promptly, as registers are taken just before 9am. If your child has not made it round to class, they may be marked absent**, when in fact they are in school. This is then a safety issue. As such, we have to close the gates promptly and your child should come in via the office after this time. We saw a rise in lateness towards the end of last half term, so please ensure your child is arriving prior to the gates closing at 8.55am. Thank you.

Celebrating Successes Outside of School

As you know, we have a weekly celebration assembly and photos of our 'learners of the week' are shared on our website and on our Facebook page (Search Dereham Junior Academy and follow us). We also send post-cards home to celebrate special moments of success.

However, over the past term we have been asking children to share their achievements and successes outside of school and it has been fantastic to see just how talented our children are. We have seen awards, medals, achievements and the children have really enjoyed sharing their successes with us and the rest of the school. Please continue to share this information with us.

Friends of Dereham Junior Need You!

As you will know from previous communications, sadly our 'Friends of the School' have been left exceptionally thin on the ground. Without a 'Friends Committee' we will struggle to provide those additional extras that the school budget is unable to cater for. Mrs Hook and Mrs Waymouth are working hard to re launch our 'Friends of the School' and are hosting their next meeting on 3rd February via zoom at 4.30pm.

Please do join them if you can. You can commit to as much or as little as you are able to, but every bit of help will support the children in our school. The link and information to join is below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96414477500?pwd=dmdDazUrL0VZM3RZMHF1RmVVcXlhQT09>

Meeting ID: 964 1447 7500

Passcode: P72NJw