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Dear Parents,

ICT Award

Excellent News - following an extensive external assessment Mandeville School has been awarded the prestigious ICT Mark. The award recognises the school's success in developing the strategic use of ICT in both administration and across the curriculum. We are delighted to be awarded the ICT Mark. It recognises our positive approach to ICT and the benefits it is bringing to our children. We believe that ICT can be used in every aspect of learning and that it is essential our children are equipped for the modern world. Preparation for our assessment was led by Ms Ellingham who, as ICT co-ordinator, has worked hard to develop our ICT teaching and learning. A huge THANK YOU to Ms Ellingham for all her hard work and we are delighted to have this formally recognised.

A useful link has been added to the website to provide E-safety information for parents. Please see the "quick links" section.

PARKING

A small number of parents dropping off children in the staff car park continue to compromise the safety of other children and parents. I very much regret that our repeated requests to help keep everyone safe have continued to be ignored by a small number of people. Our car park will now be supervised by school staff at the beginning and end of the school day. No cars (with the exception of blue badge holders and taxis paid to transport pupils) will be allowed on to the site. The registration numbers of cars blocking residents' drives or not respecting our polite request not to enter school property will be passed to the police.

Bowmans Green Partnership

Schools work together in local partnerships to provide services to children. Our new partnership is now able to offer a limited range of half term holiday activities, which we hope to extend in the future. Please see the attached information

Teacher Absence

I very much regret that Mrs West and Ms Sergejev will continue to be absent next week. Penguins will continue to be taught by Ms Rajput and Ms White will continue in Wrens. They will be supported by Mrs Leaver and Miss Ali and the teaching assistants to ensure the greatest possible continuity for children. Mrs Leaver and Miss Ali, will be doing their best to ensure the best possible provision for all the pupils in Year 1 and 2.

Phonics Workshop

To help understand the mysteries of "phonics", Mrs Longhurst will be running a workshop on Thursday 2nd February. Although Nursery and Reception parents have been invited specifically, all parents are welcome. Please ask at the office for a letter if you'd like to attend. We are running 2 sessions, one at 2 – 3pm and one at 7 – 8pm.

Parents Evening – Tuesday 6th March and Thursday 8th March

Please look for letters regarding Parents Evening which will be sent out before half term.

Reading Lists

At last term's Parents Evening Recommended Reading Lists were shared for children in Years 1 to Year 6. These are on the website – we hope you will find them helpful.

Class Assembly
Year 4 Hawks class assembly is on Thursday 2nd February; we look forward to seeing parents at 9.15 am.

Fencing Club
We are happy to announce that we are able to run a Fencing Club on Monday afternoons from 3.30 to 4.30pm. The cost of this club will be £6.00 per session running for 10 weeks at a cost of £60.00 for the term. The club will need to have 12 children to run successfully. If your child is interested in a place, please complete and return the reply slip attached.

Bike It
Don't forget the coffee morning for parents on Friday 3rd February to find out more about the Bike It project.

Tae Kwon-Do
Information has been sent home about a new Tae Kwon-Do class which is planning to start at St Julians Church hall.

Breakfast Club
Breakfast Club is currently open from 7.50 - 8.50 each day. Some parents have commented that they would like Breakfast Club to open a little earlier at 7.30am. This would be possible but would incur an extra cost. I am therefore consulting parents to see if there is sufficient demand for this to be viable. This service would be offered as an option and charged at an extra £1 per day. Children joining Breakfast Club at 7.50 would continue to be charged £2.50 and children joining before 7.50am would be charged £3.50.

Attached is a short reply slip to help us find out what the demand for the additional service would be - please return your slip by next Friday at the latest.

Snow Warning Alert
In preparation of any emergency or bad weather, we will be sending a ParentMail message out to all parents who are registered with ParentMail today between 4.30 and 5.00pm. If you do not receive this message please contact the school office so we can update our records and provide you with a registration form for this service.

PTA Cake Sale!
The PTA are holding a cake and book sale in the dining room from 3.15pm on Friday 3rd February. Please bring any book donations to the main reception during the week and cake donations by 12 noon in Friday 3rd February.

Amanda Godfrey
Headteacher

Diary for the week ahead…..	
Monday 30th January	Tag Rugby Art Club 3.15 – 4.15 Storytellers 3.15 – 4.15
Tuesday 31st January	12.40 – 1.10 KS1 Singing Club 3.15 - 4.15 Elitebeats, 3.15 – 4.15 Speedstacking 3.15 – 5.00 Coolzone
Wednesday 1st February	CC4B 12.15 – 12.45 1.30 – 3.00 Rugby Year 3/4 3.15 – 4.15 Tennis and Football Club, 3.15 – 4.15 Homework Drop In Club 3.15 – 4.15 Let's Get Cooking
Thursday 2nd February	8.30am Treasure Chest, 8.40 Shared Reading Good Attendance Trip to Planet Ice 9.15 Hawks Class Assembly 12.15 – 12.45 and 12.45 - 1.15 KS1 French Club 2 – 3.00 Phonics Workshop for Parents 3.15 - 4.15 Gardening Club, 3.15 – 4.15 KS2 French Club 3.15 -4.15 Craft Club, 3.15 - 4.15 KS2 Fashion Design 7 – 8.00pm Phonics Workshop for Parents
Friday 3rd February	9.30 – Bike It Coffee Morning CC4G 12.15 – 12.45 3.15 PTA cake sale 3.15 – 4.00 Choir 3.15 – 4.15 Streetdance

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BREAKFAST CLUB

How many days a week do you use Breakfast Club? ……

Would you be interested in Breakfast Club opening at 7.30am (at an additional £1 charge) ……

How often are you likely to need this extra time ?……

Any other comments or ideas you would like to add about Breakfast Club

Signed …… Child's name & class……

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Fencing Club

Childs Name: …… Class……

I give my permission for my child …… to attend Fencing Club and enclose full payment of £60.00.