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Dear Parents / Carers

Firstly may I wish you all a very warm and blessed Happy New Year 2017.
Thank you all for the many good wishes and generous gifts and cards that we received from you leading up to Christmas. Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated.

Now for an important update regarding the school expansion.

I have been in touch with the Local Authority who have advised me that we are now about to enter the first stage of the proposed expansion, which is a very important and comprehensive consultation with our community.

The local Authority leads on this, but obviously I will need to pass on information to you, following their guidance.

Many parents have already expressed their positive view, support and interest in this exciting opportunity. All our staff members are fully on board and view this as progress and a development that will enable our school to move forward with the changing demands and requirements in education. It will strengthen and extend our potential in offering an even greater provision for young children in order to develop their learning opportunities.

The Kent Local Education Authority - (LA) will be consulting on expanding the school. The proposed date for the expansion is from September 2018.

A consultation document will be sent out by Friday 27th January 2017.

There will be a public meeting in the school hall on the 6th February at 5:15pm.

You are all invited to come and listen to the proposal from the officer representing the local authority and ask questions.

Whilst we are in the New Year frame of mind; being a time for reflection and new starts I thought it was time to carry out an in-house, parent / carer consultation to find out your views about the school.

It is very helpful for us to listen to the aspects of school life you value and those areas that either give you cause for concern, or frustration.

Sometimes there are individual issues that I am not aware of or have over looked and on other occasions we may think we have addressed an issue, but not quite set it straight.

The whole purpose of this exercise is to improve how this school meets the needs of our children and families.



We are here to serve the majority, to ensure that children come to school enthusiastically, enjoy their learning and are safe whilst in our care. In this way we can maximise their potential and ensure learning and progress is forthcoming.

Should any parent be harbouring any particular concern, it would be most helpful to come and talk to me so that I can fully appreciate your views and work with you to find a solution together.

It is important that your views are taken into consideration and that you have the opportunity to express ideas, suggestions and work in partnership with governors and staff at the school.

All our staff work very hard, and we want to get it right for you. So please return the Parent Survey, please sign it so that I can address any individual comments, and please highlight the areas of school life that you value, wish to retain and celebrate as this is also extremely important to our growth and school improvement planning.

The Parent Survey will be sent out separately to this newsletter. Please return this to school by Friday 27th January 2017, so that we can read and consider your views. Spare surveys will be available in the school entrance or you can download them from the school web site.

Thank you for working with us.

Time for reflection

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

Amen

God 's Blessing to you all

Justine Brown

