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Dear Parents,

I am writing this in a buoyant mood having just seen the final Christmas production and spoken to many of you on your way out of school. Judging by the comments you really enjoyed the performances and the concert. I know the children and staff appreciated your support in terms of helping the children at home, and in the very large numbers of you who came along. A huge THANK YOU to all of you!

School Development Plan

The plan has been to the governors and we are now awaiting the production of the final document. This will be available shortly after we return to school.

Fund Raising

The PTA's next fund raiser, the Jumble Sale, will be held on Saturday 23rd January. Please save any items if you are having a clear out for Christmas or an early Spring clean!

Parent Helpers

Thank you to the parents who have been giving their time to help in classes. Your help has been much appreciated by children and staff. The Foundation Stage team are happy to have parent helpers in next term. Please discuss this with a member of the Foundation Stage Team to see if suitable arrangements can be made.

Notice board

It's good to see many of you using the notice board at the gate. I hope it is proving to be useful. We set it up in response to parental ideas for the development plan. The request was 'to keep parents more aware of what is going on in the area'. I thank the office team for implementing this and I know they will place adverts and other information which we all feel is appropriate.

Reminder- All correspondence relating to the PTA should be posted in the black box on the wall outside the entrance to the reception.

School Catering

I would just like to endorse the letter you received from governors about the present catering situation. I would urge you to take advantage of what is now a really good service so that we can keep Aspen's services. More of you using the service means lower costs and continuing high quality meals.

School Inspection in Art

Ian Middleton HMI (one of Her Majesties Inspectors) from Ofsted will be inspecting Art Craft and Design on Thursday 7th January. The Chief Inspector requires the Ofsted teams to inspect schools at random in the various subjects in order to provide more detailed information as to how well subjects are developing. We look forward to his visit and comments which no doubt, will help us move on further in this area.

My first term has been a busy one and time has flown by! I would like to thank you for your kind words of support and wish you a warm and Merry Christmas together with a very happy 2010!

Yours sincerely,

Steve Burton
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary Spring Term 2010

January 2010

Mon 4	School Closed – Training Day
Tues 5	School Re-opens – Spring Term
Wed 6	Reception & Year 6 – Weighed & Measured
Thurs 7	Year 3 Swimming at Abbey Pool each Thurs during Spring Term
Mon 11	Year 3 hockey multi-skills at CCC
Sat 23	PTA Jumble Sale

February

Thurs 4	Y5 to British Museum
15.19	HALF TERM
Fri 26	Interschool Quiz Club

March

Thurs 18	Year 6 to Duxford
Sat 27	‘Classroom to Ballroom’
Wed 31	pm Buggy Malone Production

April

Thurs 1	pm Buggy Malone Production Term Ends
Mon 19	School Closed - Training Day
Tues 20	Spring Term Starts
Thurs 22	am Year 5 Swimming at Abbey Pool each Thurs during Summer Term
Mon 26	Class & Team Photographs

May

Mon 3	School Closed – May Day
Mon 10 – 14	Key Stage 2 SATs Week
31 – 4 th June	Half Term

June

7 – 11	Y6 to Borreaton Park in the Midlands Y5 Bikeability
Wed 16	Y6 Transition Festival at Chesterton Community College
Wed 23	Y5 Kentwell
Fri 25	Training Day

July

Mon 5	Y6 Induction Day at Chesterton Y6 Parents Evening at Chesterton
Thur 22	Term Ends