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Dear Parents,

Royal Albert Hall Gala Concert - KS2

Just to confirm that all the spaces for the Royal Albert Hall have been allocated.

Before/After School Clubs

Game on Mini-Olympics (years 1 & 2) and After-School Football (years 3-6) will start on Monday 20th January. Please see the office if you have not received a form.

IT Workshop - 12th February

If you haven't already done so, please pay the office £3.00 for the Ipad training day on 12th February.

Nut Allergies

Whilst we have several children with nut allergies in the school, can we please confirm that COCONUT is not a nut.

Parking

Pre-School staff have told us they intend to close the barrier to the back car park at the Village Hall in the mornings and are considering coneing off areas of the Village Hall Car Park. Please be aware that Pre-School starts at 9.15am in the Village Hall and pre-school parents need to park as well, if you think you will be staying around school later than 9.00am (e.g. for assemblies or to hear readers), please park at the bowls club.

Running Club

As the ground is still very wet and we have an assembly next Friday, Running Club will begin on **Friday 31st January**.

Guitar Lessons

We currently have spaces with our peripatetic Guitar teacher. If your child would like to learn the guitar, please let the office know.

Do you know what our school is focusing on this school year? These are our three school development aims.

- 1) Supporting changing roles and leadership responsibilities.
As you know we have had several new members of staff and several members of staff have changed their role. We want them to be the very best they can be so they need training, support and encouragement.
- 2) Preparing to deliver the new curriculum for 2014.
Michael Gove has written a new curriculum which we will be using From September 2014, so everyone needs training and new resources.
- 3) Using ICT to support and enhance the National Curriculum.
The Friends kindly bought us Ipads and these have really enhanced our teaching, learning and assessment.
We also need to be aware at all times of e-safety and have provided workshops for parents on the use of Ipads and the internet. More workshops are planned over the next few weeks.

Do take the time to look in the hall as we are recording some of the events we are doing in photos and pictures.

The Friends - Message from Anna-Lou Lancaster

We are looking forward to an active fundraising year and are very appreciative of the help we receive from parents. We now need extra support as two committee members are resigning; Anna-Lou Lancaster as Chair and Lucy Coker as Secretary. In addition, Heather Pearce will be returning to work soon and although happy to stay on as Treasurer, she will not be able to be as fundamental in the organisation of events.

If you are interested in either of these roles, please find one of the committee members who will answer any questions.

There is a committee meeting on Thursday 6th February at 8.00pm at Wood Cottage, Hudnall Common (Lucy's house). We are encouraging as many people as possible to attend as we will be discussing forthcoming events such as a possible comedy night, quiz night, school projects that the money raised could be spent on and the forthcoming vacant positions. Plus there will be wine!!

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher