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Certificates

In our assembly this week certificates were awarded to:

Zac Alaoui, Rian Bawden, Nick Watt, Bradley Kane,
Xavier Shapland, Henry Baker, Joshua Brown,
Martha Richardson, Lily Gibson and Kyle
MacBryde

Well done to you all we are very proud of you.

Happy Birthday!

Amy Dunbavin
and
Joe Hughes

Club 59

The winner of the last 2 draws before the Christmas break was Chrissie Eve. The winner on 19th December was Sarah Gibson, the Boxing Day draw saw my Aunt, Chris Evely, win £22 but the first draw of 2016 was not won. This means a rollover!! There should be a prize fund in excess of £40 this week. Most players now need to pay again. It is £7 for half a term, £14 for a whole term or £1 per week. Last term we raised £387 for PTA funds. Please continue to support this fundraiser, who knows one day you may be on the winners list but if not you are still supporting our wonderful school. Many thanks and good luck, Sharon Dapling

8th January 2016

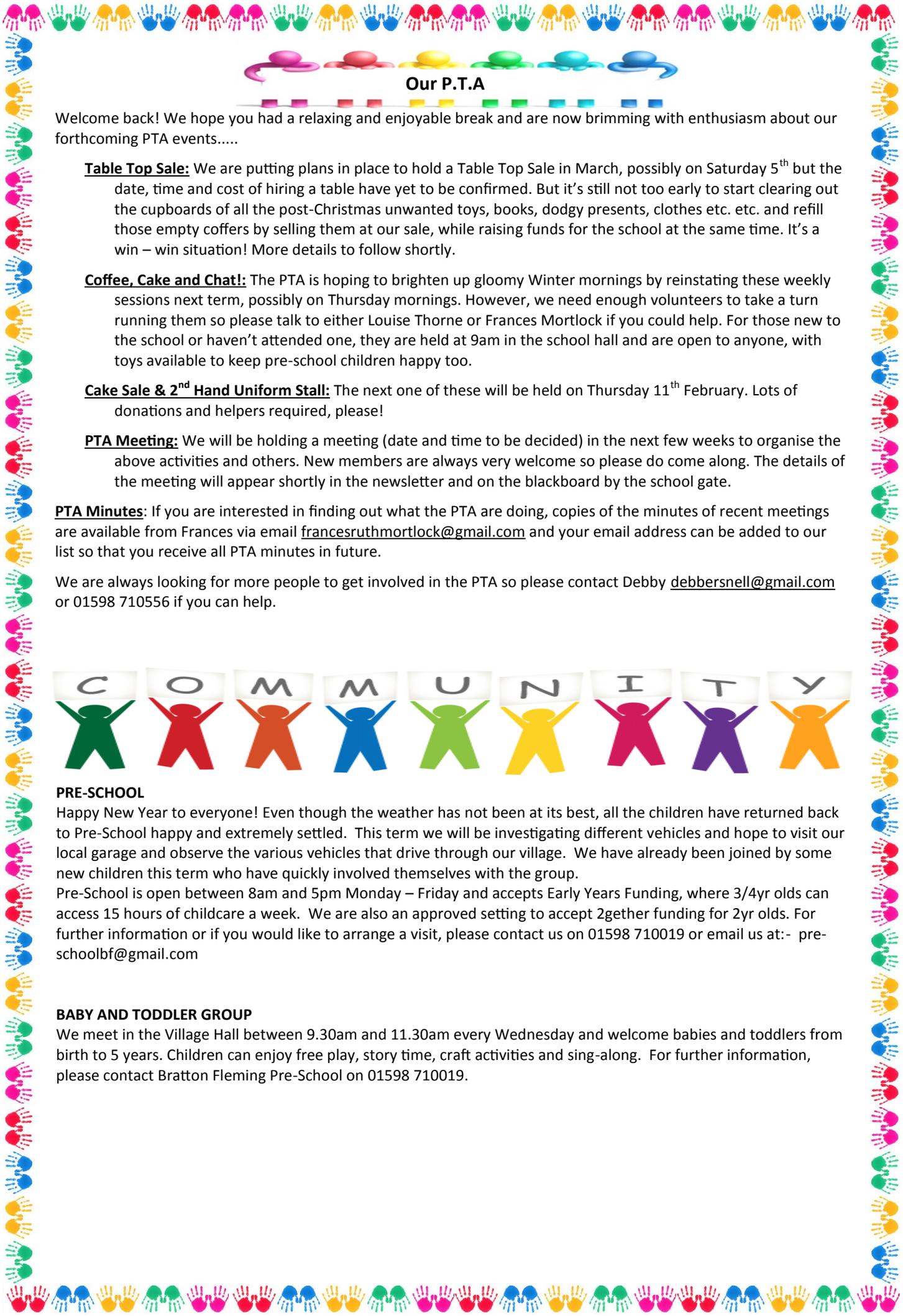
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A Message from Mrs Denham

We wish you all a very Happy New Year and we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. We thank you so much for all the wonderful gifts, cards and best wishes we received. We thoroughly enjoyed all the wonderful end of term events – the panto was a huge success, the PTA were amazing and raised a significant amount of money, the Christmas lunch was delicious and the Carol Service and Nativity were just a wonderful way to end the term. We hope you enjoyed them as much as we did! We are all looking forward to this next new term – the overall theme is a geography one called Active Planet.

We welcome Zac Alaoui who has joined us into year 5 and Mrs Keeley Hathway who is teaching Class Caen in Mrs Gosling's absence. We are pleased to hear that Mrs Gosling's operation has gone well and she is now on the road to recovery.

Can we please also remind all parents that if you wish to take your child out of school during term time you must complete a form called "S2 Absence request Form 'Exceptional Circumstances'" which can be downloaded from the website or obtained from the school office. However, please will you make an appointment to see me (Mrs Denham) before you complete the form to explain why you need to take your child out of school. This MUST be asked for as soon as you are considering removing your child from school NOT after the event has been booked. This is a Government law and does NOT grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time – these have to be "exceptional circumstances". They have stated that schools can issue penalty notices and fines and that pupils are only in school for 190 days out of a year of 365 days – they have at least 13 weeks holiday a year away from school. Staff and governors are not being difficult over this matter – this is a law and we are trying very hard to work with it and also at the same time be supportive to parents and families. Thank you for your understanding with both of these matters. Please can we also remind parents they MUST sign their children out or back into school if they have been taken to an appointment etc. the form is kept in the school office.



Our P.T.A

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable break and are now brimming with enthusiasm about our forthcoming PTA events.....

Table Top Sale: We are putting plans in place to hold a Table Top Sale in March, possibly on Saturday 5th but the date, time and cost of hiring a table have yet to be confirmed. But it's still not too early to start clearing out the cupboards of all the post-Christmas unwanted toys, books, dodgy presents, clothes etc. etc. and refill those empty coffers by selling them at our sale, while raising funds for the school at the same time. It's a win – win situation! More details to follow shortly.

Coffee, Cake and Chat!: The PTA is hoping to brighten up gloomy Winter mornings by reinstating these weekly sessions next term, possibly on Thursday mornings. However, we need enough volunteers to take a turn running them so please talk to either Louise Thorne or Frances Mortlock if you could help. For those new to the school or haven't attended one, they are held at 9am in the school hall and are open to anyone, with toys available to keep pre-school children happy too.

Cake Sale & 2nd Hand Uniform Stall: The next one of these will be held on Thursday 11th February. Lots of donations and helpers required, please!

PTA Meeting: We will be holding a meeting (date and time to be decided) in the next few weeks to organise the above activities and others. New members are always very welcome so please do come along. The details of the meeting will appear shortly in the newsletter and on the blackboard by the school gate.

PTA Minutes: If you are interested in finding out what the PTA are doing, copies of the minutes of recent meetings are available from Frances via email francesruthmortlock@gmail.com and your email address can be added to our list so that you receive all PTA minutes in future.

We are always looking for more people to get involved in the PTA so please contact Debby debbersnell@gmail.com or 01598 710556 if you can help.



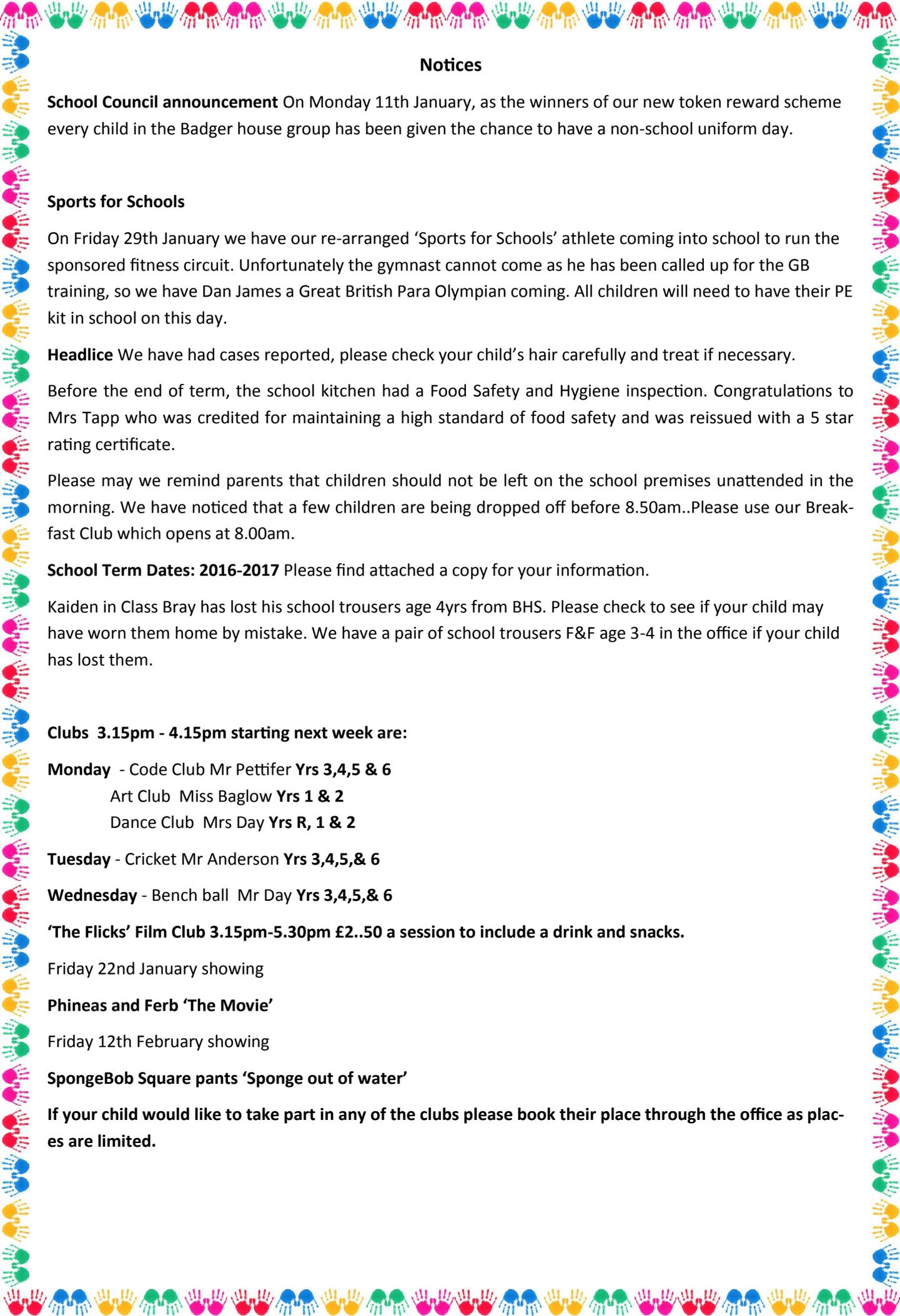
PRE-SCHOOL

Happy New Year to everyone! Even though the weather has not been at its best, all the children have returned back to Pre-School happy and extremely settled. This term we will be investigating different vehicles and hope to visit our local garage and observe the various vehicles that drive through our village. We have already been joined by some new children this term who have quickly involved themselves with the group.

Pre-School is open between 8am and 5pm Monday – Friday and accepts Early Years Funding, where 3/4yr olds can access 15 hours of childcare a week. We are also an approved setting to accept 2gether funding for 2yr olds. For further information or if you would like to arrange a visit, please contact us on 01598 710019 or email us at:- pre-schoolbf@gmail.com

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the Village Hall between 9.30am and 11.30am every Wednesday and welcome babies and toddlers from birth to 5 years. Children can enjoy free play, story time, craft activities and sing-along. For further information, please contact Bratton Fleming Pre-School on 01598 710019.



Notices

School Council announcement On Monday 11th January, as the winners of our new token reward scheme every child in the Badger house group has been given the chance to have a non-school uniform day.

Sports for Schools

On Friday 29th January we have our re-arranged 'Sports for Schools' athlete coming into school to run the sponsored fitness circuit. Unfortunately the gymnast cannot come as he has been called up for the GB training, so we have Dan James a Great British Para Olympian coming. All children will need to have their PE kit in school on this day.

Headlice We have had cases reported, please check your child's hair carefully and treat if necessary.

Before the end of term, the school kitchen had a Food Safety and Hygiene inspection. Congratulations to Mrs Tapp who was credited for maintaining a high standard of food safety and was reissued with a 5 star rating certificate.

Please may we remind parents that children should not be left on the school premises unattended in the morning. We have noticed that a few children are being dropped off before 8.50am..Please use our Breakfast Club which opens at 8.00am.

School Term Dates: 2016-2017 Please find attached a copy for your information.

Kaiden in Class Bray has lost his school trousers age 4yrs from BHS. Please check to see if your child may have worn them home by mistake. We have a pair of school trousers F&F age 3-4 in the office if your child has lost them.

Clubs 3.15pm - 4.15pm starting next week are:

Monday - Code Club Mr Pettifer Yrs 3,4,5 & 6

Art Club Miss Baglow Yrs 1 & 2

Dance Club Mrs Day Yrs R, 1 & 2

Tuesday - Cricket Mr Anderson Yrs 3,4,5,& 6

Wednesday - Bench ball Mr Day Yrs 3,4,5,& 6

'The Flicks' Film Club 3.15pm-5.30pm £2..50 a session to include a drink and snacks.

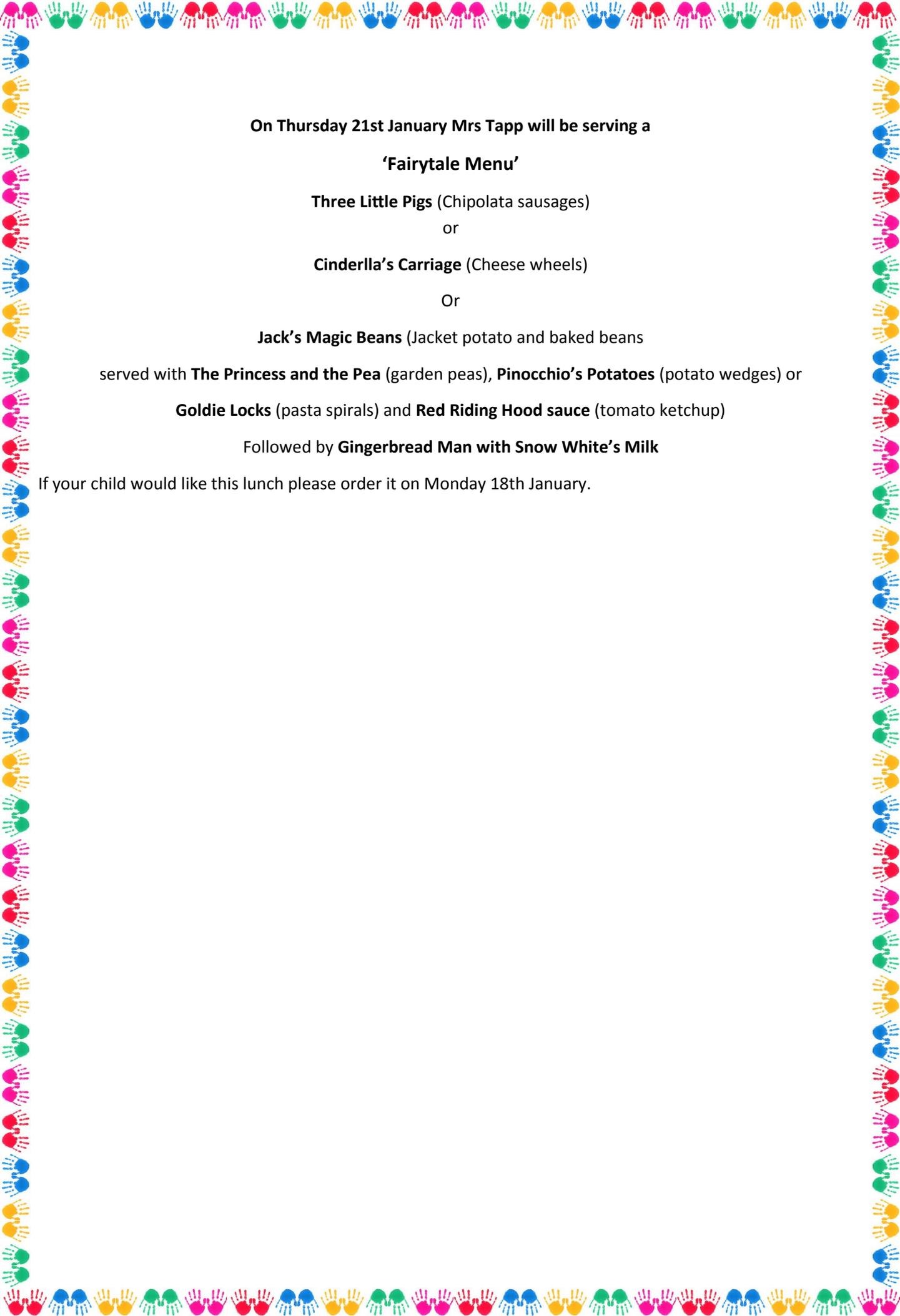
Friday 22nd January showing

Phineas and Ferb 'The Movie'

Friday 12th February showing

SpongeBob Square pants 'Sponge out of water'

If your child would like to take part in any of the clubs please book their place through the office as places are limited.



On Thursday 21st January Mrs Tapp will be serving a

'Fairytale Menu'

Three Little Pigs (Chipolata sausages)

or

Cinderella's Carriage (Cheese wheels)

Or

Jack's Magic Beans (Jacket potato and baked beans)

served with **The Princess and the Pea** (garden peas), **Pinocchio's Potatoes** (potato wedges) or

Goldie Locks (pasta spirals) and **Red Riding Hood sauce** (tomato ketchup)

Followed by **Gingerbread Man with Snow White's Milk**

If your child would like this lunch please order it on Monday 18th January.