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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has featured lots of magical snow, and it has been amazing to watch our children enjoy themselves. The entire field has been filled with our children just playing, laughing and having fun. Today the ice made it more of an opportunity for the children to become Olympic ice skaters, which means we have been limited in using the outdoor areas today as it still has not defrosted.

Miss Biddulph organised a fantastic 'Virtual Reality' workshop for our children in Year Three, Four and Five. Each of the workshops linked to the children's theme. Miss Biddulph has since created a brilliant video, which you can see on our Facebook feed.

Our two-year-olds had the most magical Forest School session with Mrs Ratcliffe: they were sledging and enjoying the snow on the school grounds. I think the staff were more tired than the children were, after going round and round the field in loops with children on sledges. Mrs Ratcliffe really is a super-star and adapted her original Lunar New Year plans to the sudden fall of snow.

The girls in Year Three and Four played in the final on Tuesday and fought extremely hard, but unfortunately lost. Well done to the girls for playing so beautifully as a team and working so hard with Miss Biddulph and Miss Brown!

On Monday, we will be celebrating Chinese/Lunar New Year as a school. Don't forget that it is a non-uniform day on Monday and the children will need to wear a splash of red or if they have anything with a rabbit on it - it is the Year of the Rabbit. The children will be learning all about different celebrations around the world and talking about how they may celebrate at home. **Please do not buy anything especially.**

Monday is also National Handwriting Day, so our children will be sending special messages and wishes of good luck in their best-ever handwriting, whilst celebrating Chinese/Lunar New Year.

Can I ask that children DO NOT wear any smart watches, especially those that take photographs, record or can make external phone calls. This poses a serious safeguarding issue. We will have to ask any children wearing a smart watch to remove it and leave it in the office to be collected by an adult.

Parents in Year One, don't forget about the phonics meeting after school on Monday, where you can learn about the government phonics test that your child will be taking in June.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Many thanks,

Mrs Cooper
Head of School

