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Dear Parents and Children,

Here is our newsletter for this week.

First of all well done to the hockey team who had another unbeaten meeting at the High School last week. These children have represented the school brilliantly not just because of the results but because of their attitude and behaviour. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson for supporting them by providing transport and supervision.

Next a reminder about packed lunches and their contents. I have been pleased to see a much healthier selection of food generally and that most of the children are eating everything however we are still seeing quite a lot of sweets and chocolate bars so I would be grateful if you could try and reduce this please.

For those of you who use a car to get the children to school, thanks for the improvements in parking safely at drop off and pick up times. The traffic wardens were here this week and did issue tickets to some vehicles and I have asked that they make occasional visits so please be aware that if you are parked on the double yellow lines that you may well be fined.

Our movie night was a great success with what seemed like most of the children attending. The children had fun and we raised some money for the school at the same time. Thanks to the PTFA for organising and running the event.

For your information the process of recruiting a new headteacher for the school has begun and we expect an appointment to be made by the end of March. We will of course inform you of the outcome at the earliest opportunity.

You may have noticed that for 2017/2018 academic year the school has chosen to put all of its INSET days together at the end of the Autumn term in December resulting in an extended Christmas break. We have done this in order to even out rather odd lengths of the half-terms and ensure that pupils' learning is not disrupted as much as it would have been otherwise.

Finally, the children have had a good half-term and we are really encouraged by their assessment and progress data. We are hopeful that this year will see a much improved performance at the end of Y2 and Y6. Well done to everyone!

School closes today for half-term and reopens again at the usual time on Monday 27th February.

