7th January 2020

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term and on behalf of all at school let me wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

**Sad news**

We begin the New Year with some very upsetting news; Rose Tench, one of our cleaners and grandparent of children at school sadly passed away on New Year’s day. Those of you who knew Rose will know what a delightful lady she was; always a positive person around school, keen to chat with adults and children and quite simply lovely. I am sure all in our school community will join me in sending our condolences and very best wishes to Rose’s daughter, grandchildren and everyone else who knew her.

**The Charles Darwin Way**

During yesterday’s INSET day our school staff discussed changes to our whole school rules.

The current rules of Follow instructions first time / Keep hands, feet, objects and unkind words to yourself / Respect all property / Walk on the left in single file have served us well but we have decided to streamline these into our new way of thinking which we are calling “The Charles Darwin Way”. The Charles Darwin Way comprises three things; Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Respectful. We have explained to our children that every situation in school can be covered by these three rules and that doing things “The Charles Darwin Way” is what we expect of all children. It goes without saying that this is an expectation of myself and all school staff too! As part of this new way of approaching school behaviour we will also be introducing a “Proud Cloud” for each class and the dinner hall where children’s positive behaviour will be celebrated. Thank you for your support with this; I look forward to “The Charles Darwin Way” being a frequent and recognised term around our school community!

**Clubs**

A new set of clubs should be available to book by the end of the week with all clubs starting next Monday, an e-mail will be sent home once they are available.

**Reminders**

         All items of clothing, lunchboxes and water bottles to be clearly named.

         We discourage “unhealthy” snacks of chocolate and crisps as morning break. There is plenty of fruit available to children as well as the toast and bagels etc from the dinner hall.

         Prompt readiness to come into school through your child’s correct door at 8.50am, prompt readiness to collect at 3.15pm or the end of club at 4.00pm

Best wishes for 2020 and thank you all in advance for your support.

Adam Croft