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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back after the Christmas holidays. We hope that you all had an enjoyable break. This half term runs for seven weeks. Our last day before breaking up for the half term holidays is Friday 22nd February 2019 and we will return on Monday 4th March 2019.

Theme for This Half Term

We are looking at different Mr Men books and the themes incorporated in them and are using these as the basis for our teaching and activities. These cover topics such as pets, occupations and farms and nature.

New Starters

This term we have a lot of new starters – Patryk, Emily, Archie, Lilly-Rose, Lexie, Tamsin, Teddie and Robin. We would like to welcome them and their families to Marygate and hope that they enjoy their time with us.

Health and Safety

We would like to ask that when you leave the building please shut the outdoor door firmly behind you in order to lock it. This is to maintain the safety of the children and the staff. Please be aware that mobile phones are not permitted to be used whilst in the preschool for safeguarding reasons.

Preschool Closure

We regret to inform you that unfortunately preschool will be closed all day on Tuesday 22nd January 2019. Over the Christmas period Mandy and Eleanor suffered a close family bereavement and the funeral is due to take place on that date so they will obviously not be in preschool. Veronica will also be absent as she is attending mandatory safeguarding training in order to comply with Ofsted requirements. Due to the increase in numbers of children attending then unfortunately this will mean that we are unable to open as there will be insufficient staff to provide the correct staffing ratio. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause but hope that you understand that these are exceptional circumstances. If anyone has any problems with this then please speak to Mandy. Sessions that are paid for privately will obviously not be charged for and this will be reflected in this half term's invoices.

Fundraising

We would like to thank everyone who bought tickets for our Christmas Raffle. We raised £120.55 which will be used to purchase new toys and equipment for the children to use. The lucky winners were Emily's grandad who won the main hamper, Willow's mum who won the chocolate hamper and Oliver's mum who won the tickets to Joseph Rowntree Theatre.

Our next fundraising event is a clothing collection at the end of January. Please bring in any unwanted items of clothing, belts, shoes and bags so that they can be recycled. We are paid based upon weight so the more we collect then the more money will be raised for preschool. Items can be placed in either dustbin bags or other charity bags and can be brought in any time from now until the end of the month. The attached leaflet explains what items are acceptable. Thanks in advance for your support.

Reminder about Increase in Fees

This is just to remind everyone that fees have increased from the start of this term. A session (9am until 12pm or 12pm until 3pm) now costs £13.00. A full day session from 9am until 3pm now costs £26.00. Lunch club now costs £4.50, late finish at 4pm costs £4.50 and the early morning start from 8.30am now costs £2.25. Invoices will be sent out later this week with new prices. Any problems please speak to Mandy.

Thanks for your continuing support

Mandy, Veronica, Eleanor, Jane and Liz