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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to what has been a rather wet and windy January so far. I hope that everyone had a peaceful and enjoyable holiday. I would like to thank you on behalf of the staff for the many cards, gifts and edible treats which were given to us at the end of term.

Uniform

I am delighted to see how smart the children are looking at the moment. They really are a credit to the school and their families. The one item that seems to be missing for some children is their water bottle. Even in the winter when the weather outside is cooler, the school is well heated and the children need to be drinking water throughout the day to stay hydrated.

Coats, hats and gloves

We try to get the children out in the fresh air, enjoying an opportunity to run around in the playground as much as possible. To do this they need to have a warm coat, hat (not cap) and gloves. Hats and gloves are also useful for outdoor PE lessons, but please make sure they are named.

Tracksuits

The eagle-eyed will have spotted that many of the staff are 'sporting' school tracksuits when they have been teaching PE. Not only are they practical and smart, but it also models good practice to the children showing that different clothing is required for PE. Parents may be interested in purchasing a smaller version for their child particularly if they are part of a school sports team. We will ask the supplier for prices for the children's sizes and let you know shortly.

Half-Term Fun

The St Albans West partnership runs some holiday activities in half term. Many of them are held at Bowmansgreen Primary School, but some are at Mandeville and one or two other local schools. Details are available from the office. There is a cost involved and bookings should be made directly with Bowmansgreen School. These are very popular, so get your application in quickly!

Health Advice

The Health Services have asked us to remind parents about the 111 number for advice and information in order to reduce the strain on A&E departments and the ambulance service. Details are overleaf.

Bad Weather

Just a quick reminder that if the school needs to close due to bad weather parents will be notified by text, on the radio and on the Herts Direct website as detailed in December's newsletter.

Salaam Women's Fellowship

Finally, I have received information about a women's group run at St Paul's Church which offers free English classes and a social group for anyone who is interested. Details are available from the office.

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