



**Dear Parents**

**January 2015**

I hope you all had a lovely and relaxing time over the Christmas holidays!

Thank you for celebrating Christmas with us and attending the Christmas plays and the Carol service. The continuous support from families is greatly appreciated!

### **New pupils**

This term we have welcomed two new pupils – Faith and Ruby who have joined Michelle's Class 1.

### **Topic**

Our topic this term is 'growing'. During the first half term the children will be learning about what plants need to grow and during the second term how humans grow and develop. Each term your child's teacher will send home ideas on how you can support their learning at home. Teachers will send home 'wow moments' slips and we would like parents to write down any fantastic things you see your child doing or saying at home.

### **My Goals**

The spring 2015 edition of the My Goals [used to be called Individual Education Plans (IEP)] will be sent home shortly. Please get in touch with the class teacher to suggest short term goals you would specifically like us to work on with your child.

### **Emergency medication**

The Nurses set up zip bags for every child needing emergency medication. The code for the bags are identical for all children: **306**. This way all emergency medication will stay with the child.

### **Guidelines to parents on school attendance**

Please find attached some guidelines on school attendance if your child is unwell. We hope you will find this information useful.

### **Outdoor sessions**

We endeavour to take all children out into the fresh air every day. As the weather is rather chilly please send in appropriate warm coats and clothes.

### **School uniform**

As you might be aware, Beverley orders the Vranch school uniform. Please let us have feedback (regarding quality, size, etc) about the garments your child received so we can make changes if required.

### **Spare clothes**

We ask parents to provide a set of clothes in case of accidents. We have spare clothes for emergencies but are running low on supplies. If your child took home clothes from Vranch, please wash and return them so we can reuse them.

## **Mobile phones**

There are many signs around the school to remind us all that the use of mobile phones is prohibited at Vbranch House. To ensure the safety of our pupils please turn off your phone on arrival.

## **Easter celebrations - 26th March**

All families are welcome to join us and make Easter bonnets, biscuits and cards at the workshops (10.00-10.40; 11.20-12.00; 13.30-14.10) and the Easter parade (from 14.10).

## **Coffee morning**

Please join us for a coffee and some treats on 31<sup>st</sup> January (Saturday) 10.00-12.00. As usual, Vbranch staff will provide entertainment/activities for the children whilst parents will have opportunity to discuss matters over a cup of coffee.

## **Consultation**

The Local Authority is seeking views of parents regarding school admissions. Please find attached their leaflet and visit the proposals on their website.

## **Board of Governors**

You are invited to nominate Parent Members to sit on the Board of Governors for 2015, please use the attached form if you wish to nominate someone or would like to express your own interest in the post.

## **Fundraising**

- 14<sup>th</sup> November was Children in Need day. Thanks to your generous donations we donated £31.50.
- On 16<sup>th</sup> December all children and staff wore their prettiest or silliest jolly Christmas jumpers to school. We donated £40 to the Young Epilepsy Foundation who have supported many of our children and families.
- Vbranch House is the nominated charity of Exeter Chiefs. Thanks to all the volunteers we have collected over £1000 on the Exeter Chiefs vs La Rochelle game!

## **Dates for your calendar**

6<sup>th</sup> January (Tuesday): first day of the Spring term 2015

31<sup>st</sup> January (Saturday) 10-12pm: Coffee morning, all families welcome

13<sup>th</sup> February (Friday): Valentine day's disco – wear red or pink!

13<sup>th</sup> February (Friday): last day of first half of the Spring term

16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February: half term

23<sup>rd</sup> February (Monday): first day of second half of the Spring term

26<sup>th</sup> March (Thursday) from 10am: Easter celebrations, all families welcome

26<sup>th</sup> March (Thursday): last day of the Spring term

Further school and holiday dates are available on the Vbranch House website ([www.vbranchhouse.org](http://www.vbranchhouse.org)).

Your feedback is much appreciated; please do not hesitate to contact me ([education@vbranchhouse.org](mailto:education@vbranchhouse.org)) or any member of the Vbranch House team if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's schooling.

Hope to see you at the forthcoming events at Vbranch House!

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