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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a new term! I hope you all had a fantastic break and enjoyed the festivities that were on offer. It feels great to be back on what already looks to be a fun filled and action packed Spring Term.

Winter Fun Day

I just wanted to say a huge 'Thank you' to the PTA for organising and making the Fun Day such a success and enjoyable event for the children. Being new to the school and comparing this with the final day of an Autumn term where I worked before, I was incredibly impressed with what the children were offered on this day and what they got out of it. Also thank you to all who supported the fun day and the raffle. I'm already looking forward to the next one.

Big School Makeover

****Do you want to make a difference to your child's education?***

****Have you any skills that could help us?***

****Would you be interested in joining in a community venture that could really improve our school?***

****Are you a qualified electrician, carpenter or decorator?***

****Do you know of a business that might sponsor a refurbishment at our school?***

IF THE ANSWER TO ANY ONE OF THE QUESTIONS ABOVE IS 'YES', THEN READ ON!

As part of the school's plans to deliver a 21st Century curriculum, we are looking carefully at the learning environment on offer at the school. An initial project that we would like to do to initiate the improvements we would like to make, as well as ensure we can facilitate the development of a 21st Century Curriculum, is to renovate and develop the landing area outside the year 2,3,4,5 and 6 classrooms.

The vision for this is to design, with the children in mind, an environment that is well resourced, provides better storage, is eye catching, practical and can continue to be a multi-use area for learning. It is also hoped we can extend our IT resource into the landing so that as the curriculum develops, children have access to the internet and other IT resources to support them with their learning.

To make this vision a reality, I am planning to work with the children on the school council, as well as children in their classes, to put together considered plans. I am then hoping that, with the support of the community, we can develop a learning environment and resource for the school that we can all be proud and that will have a real impact on what the children have available to them as learners.

To be able to do this to the highest standard possible and within a realistic budget, I am looking to initiate a community 'Big School Makeover', possibly with support from the British Council for School Environments (BCSE). The Big School Makeover would involve offers of the support from parents with specific skills, or contacts, or even the will to pick up a paint brush, so that we can transform the landing into something that will fulfil the vision. It is hoped that over a week in school we can go from the area we have now to this new vision, by coordinating an effort and utilising all the skills and possible support that might be out there in the community.

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP AND WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS EXCITING VENTURE, THERE WILL BE TWO MEETINGS IN THE SCHOOL HALL FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM ON WEDNESDAY 19th JANUARY, THE FIRST AT 2.30pm AND THE OTHER AT 7.00pm.

I do hope you will want to join in and help.

Yours creatively,

Matthew Barnes