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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

It has been so lovely to get back into school this week, being greeted by so many cheery 'Good Mornings' and hearing about everyone's Christmas fun! This morning, it was even lovelier as we were joined by a nice blue sky and a little bit of warmth compared to the last couple of days!!

The week as always has been a busy one in school (it is hard to believe that we have only spent 3 days in school with the children!!) Each year group has had their 'Launch Pad' event. We have been having **Greek Feasts** (the children in Years 3 & 4 prepared and shared some traditional Greek Food which smelt wonderful!) children going out on local '**Field Trips**' (our Reception classes had a walk around Hawkinge to look at houses to spot similarities and differences of houses through the ages) children in Years 1 & 2 enjoyed a **carousel of activities** to find out more about their theme of 'Who lives on the other side of the world?' and as I type this newsletter our Year 5 and 6 children are attending a **Living History Roman Workshop** which is looking like a lot of fun! We have many children with Roman war paint on their faces in battle in the school hall!!! The reason we have a Launch Pad each half term is to give the children a wider understanding of their new theme before they learn more details about it. The Launch Pads not only motivate the children to want to find out more about their theme at the start of the term, but they are also an excellent opportunity to embed some key learning in their long term memory ensuring new learning throughout the term 'makes more sense'.

This week there have been several school meal payments made without envelopes (meaning that in the school dinner post box there is a lot of loose cash!!!) So if I have text you today to say you have a payment outstanding that might be why. To ensure we have a smooth system can I ask you to put any payment in an envelope with your child's name on it and the reason for payment? We have hundreds of small envelopes in the school office for that purpose. If you need any just drop in to see Miss Campbell or drop her an e mail and we will be able to give you a stock! Thank you!

On Thursday 20th January we will be offering every child in the school a free lunch – the menu is on the reverse of the newsletter for your info. We will remind you again nearer the time!

Have a lovely weekend