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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by wishing you all a very happy new year. I have already seen many of you at the gate, but for those that I haven't caught up with I hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

Over the Christmas break we have been working on developing our new sensory space in the Rainbow Room: pipes have been boxed in and flooring fixed. Our next steps are to paint the walls and fit a cosy, new, soft carpet. Watch this space...

The spring term is going to be a very busy one here at Clapham and Patching. We have lots of exciting opportunities organised for our children to further enhance their learning and to embed our new curriculum. A list of these dates and events is attached to this letter.

Following our recent Ofsted inspection and the areas for improvement identified, I would like to share with you our school development targets for 2023-2024. These are -

- Curriculum
- Staff Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- Assessment
- Monitoring

We are keen to address these identified areas and the South Downs Education Trust and our Governing Body have agreed to allow us an additional INSET day this half term for staff training. The training has been scheduled for Friday 9th of February which is the day before half term. The training will focus on the areas identified above. This is not something that we would usually do, but I hope you appreciate we are keen to get going as it will be extremely valuable in improving the quality of teaching and learning for your children.

Finally, I'm sure that you would like to join me in congratulating the new Mrs Byrne on her Christmas nuptials, and Mrs Morrison who has returned from the Christmas break wearing a very beautiful new engagement ring!

I very much look forward to working with you all during the New Year and thank you for your continued support for our amazing little school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Justine Chubb
Head of School

