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Dear Parent /Carer,

Happy New Year!

I hope the Christmas holidays have left you feeling relaxed, the children certainly came to school looking refreshed on Monday morning – and obviously excited about all the snow. It was a wonderful way to start the term, after assembly we went outside for a 'Whole School Playtime' to make the most of it – which the children thoroughly enjoyed, the teachers didn't enjoy it quite as much seeing as we were all used as targets for the snow balls!!!

It was the perfect weather for Miss Foster and Ms Thompson's class who have been able to start their terms work on 'Winter Weather' with very appropriate weather!

I am hoping that this will be the end of the snow (unless it is at the weekend and I can enjoy it from the comfort and warmth of my own house!) but if there is any severe snow over the next few weeks we will endeavour to remain open. If for any reason we are not open in extreme weather conditions I will contact KMFM and leave a message for them to air, and change the schools answer phone message to let you know. I might even try to get a message to Mr Rogers in Bedfordshire and ask him to leave a message on the website – but since he has another 'real' job that might not always be convenient!

The winter weather has also reminded me of how dangerous Mill lane can be in such conditions, it becomes very icy quickly, and dangerous to drive on. I intend to write a letter to the Parish Council this week asking them to consider installing a Grit Bin at the top of Mill Lane to make it safer for both car users and pedestrians. In the meantime, if the weather does take another turn for the worse, can I ask you to take care where you park down the road to enable good access for everyone, and to drive very slowly down the road in these conditions, as the pavements are used by children at the busy times of day – who are liable to slip on the snow / ice.

On the reverse of this letter is the Curriculum Overview for this term. We are still having a whole school focus on raising standards in writing. The test results from last term show that the work the teachers and children did in improving standards in writing have really began to work, which I am very pleased to be able to report. This week and next the children have been told that we are looking for them to use 'good vocabulary' in all the written work they do, it may be worth asking your son / daughter to tell you any of the 'good vocabulary' they have used this week!

In with this letter you should also have received your son / daughters targets, and a parents evening letter. I am hoping if they are all in the same envelope you will receive all 3!

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