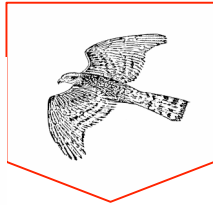


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Dear Parents,

It is nice to return to school now that all traces of the snow have gone, although it was good fun whilst it was here, it does cause such chaos!

I am pleased to report that the text messaging system really worked well as a way of informing parents about the school closures - much easier than listening to local radio and looking at website lists. Only one parent has told me that she did not get the message - that has now been remedied, and luckily her kind neighbours told her instead!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank many parents for their kindness in offering me meals, warm places to stay and mobile phone chargers too - it was really appreciated - thanks!

As usual the half term holidays saw lots of action in the school - especially in the kitchen area. A new shutter has been fitted after the old one was condemned. The new one is much nicer, runs on electricity and is much safer. The counter from which children collect their lunches has been raised to a better height and new furniture has been fitted in the kitchen to the delight of the kitchen staff!

This week has seen the launch of Parents Breakfasts, they have gone exceptionally well. The breakfasts have been well supported, the children have definitely enjoyed the sessions and many parents have said to me that they have enjoyed being in school, and seeing what their child gets up to in the school day. There are some classes who have their breakfasts to look forwards to still - your dates are on the reverse of the newsletter. Thanks to all the teachers for their hard work in getting these breakfasts launched, especially Miss Dawe who is the 'organiser' of this project.

A date for your diaries for next week

It is World Maths Day on Wednesday 3rd March. Mr O'Brien has organised all sorts of fun events to celebrate the day. Children will be completing different mathematical challenges in school as well as being given a creative activity for homework. We ask that Children come into school on this day dressed in an outfit displaying a number or numbers. There will be prizes for the best outfits across the school



Mr O'Brien will also be holding a Maths workshop on Thursday afternoon at 2pm for parents to come and learn more about how we teach maths in school. If you would like to come along please complete the slip on the reverse and hand in to either Mr O'Brien or myself in the mornings.

Hope you all have a nice weekend, don't forget to organise your World Number Day outfit!

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Diary Dates - February / March

- 3rd March - World Maths Day & PTFA meeting @ 7pm
- 4th March - Bank open / Maths workshop for parents
- 9th March - Phonics workshop for parents
- 18th March - Bank open
- 29th March - Reception Height and Weight measuring
- 1st April - last day - break up for Easter

Remember:

Once a week, take a peek!

Actual size of headlice in stages of growth



Class Breakfasts

Class breakfasts have been going exceptionally well this week, thanks to all the parents who have been able to make it in. Below is the list of the dates for next week's breakfast:



- Monday 1st March - Skylarks
- Tuesday 2nd March - Wrens
- Wednesday 3rd - Starlings
- Thursday 4th - Kestrels
- Friday 5th March - Firecrests

E-safety resources

www.thinkuknow.co.uk is an excellent website with resources for all age groups including activities and video clips.

Why not share this with your children, and learn together?

Old Angle posed lamps.

Miss Milborrow needs some of these lamps for the art scheme of work after half term. If you have any old lamps that you would like to get rid of / donate to the school, please see Miss Milborrow.

Before we got cut off by the snow, the children were enjoying Book Week. This year the focus was 'Finding inspiration' and from the comments I have received from the teachers and pupils, it is clear that the two authors who came were very inspirational. The younger children were mesmerised by a story teller who told ancient Aboriginal tales from Australia using sand. The children then had masks or objects to retell or create their own stories. Our other visitor was Dan Freedman who is writing a set of books based on a character called Jamie Johnson and his aim to be the best football player. Dan explained how he had never imagined he would become a writer but circumstances and determination have led him that career choice. Thank you to everyone who bought a book. Dan Freedman has also written a book for World Book Day that is one of the books that can be purchased from a local book shop using the £1 gift voucher the children will receive next week as part of World Book Day. (Sarah Walker)

ICT internet safety letters

If you have not returned your letter please do so ASAP! *Thank you*

PTFA news

Next PTFA meeting will be on 3rd March at 7pm in school. ALL parents are welcome; the main agenda item for the meeting will be planning for Easter Egg Hunt 2010



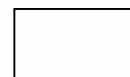
Money Saving tip of the week

Excellent Writing.

Pupils in Mrs Featherstone's class have been learning how to use sentences of different lengths to build tension in their writing. Writing produced by Emma Bell, Molly Cunningham, Chloe Fordham and Charlotte Barnes were especially good pieces, and were awarded Merits for such good writing - well done!

I would like to attend the following workshops:

- How we teach Maths in school - Suitable for all parents - Thursday 4th March - 2pm



Name of parent:

Name of child: