

Head Teacher's Newsletter



The year in review...

We break up for Christmas on Wednesday. There are a few events left before 3:20pm on Wednesday and the start of the Christmas holidays. We have our Attendance Breakfasts on Monday and Tuesday for children who have made it to the end of term with 100% attendance.

We have our re-arranged Year 3 and 4 Awards ceremony on Monday and Year 4 children are performing Christmas Carols for parents this week. And it wouldn't be Christmas without children's parties which will be a fun and festive end to the term.

In amongst those events, the senior leadership of the school will be focussing on the return in January and how we can continue to improve the teaching and learning in maths, reading and writing. We want to improve our results in reading and maths and along with a new team of governors we are working hard to address this. We need to ensure our children are ready for secondary school and it is essential that they have the skills in maths and reading to thrive at their next school.

One way of improving our results is to introduce extra teachers into year groups to target specific gaps for groups of children. Mrs Meekings and I will be returning to the classroom in January. We will both be teaching maths to groups of children in Year 6 which will give us 6 maths classes 5 days a week.

Another way to improve the results is to increase the parental involvement in school. We want to support you and your children with learning at home. We are inviting Year 6 parents into school on the 9th January to learn about the Standardised Assessment Tests (SATs) and more importantly to provide you with

information about really specific things you can do at home with your children to help them improve their maths and reading. We plan to roll this programme out to all year groups so please look out for the invitations in the new year. It will only have an impact on our children if you attend and work with us as a school.

Snow Day

Closing the school due to bad weather is never an easy decision and no matter how much we might love the snow, it is always something that head teachers lose sleep over.

Our priority is always the safety of children and staff. We communicated the closure on Sunday because my priority was to communicate with you as soon as possible. I am a parent and I know how difficult it is to organise child care at the last minute. Our site was covered in snow and so were the roads around the school. The forecast for the Sunday night was snow flurries and freezing temperatures so the decision was made to close.

Thank you to the staff and parents who helped clear the site on Monday. The playground, paths and car park were snow free by the early afternoon. We wanted to make sure the site was safe and that children could go out to play for the rest of the week.

Happy Christmas

On behalf of the staff and governors, I wish you all a happy Christmas and peaceful start to the new year.

I'm looking forward to the break and spending time with my family. I look forward to welcoming you back in 2018.