



Tuesday 8th January 2019

Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff at Rushall Primary School, Happy New Year and welcome back!!!

For those of you who have been into school today will have noticed that our school has been over taken by an incredible snow-storm and magical frozen scenes as we begin our new topic, '**Ice Worlds**'. Already the children have started investigating the changes to their learning environment and learning lots of new and interesting facts.

Appropriate Clothing

As you know at Rushall we embrace outdoor learning. Children will go outside in all weather conditions, even in the snow and rain!! Therefore, it is essential that children have suitable outdoor wear, e.g. a warm waterproof coat, gloves, a hat and suitable footwear. Even if your child comes to school by car they will still need these vital items.

Holidays during term time

We understand that at times some of our families take holidays within school time. Whilst this is not ideal, we do appreciate that on occasions this is necessary and we do value your honesty. If you do wish to take your child/ren out of school during the term we ask that you complete our '**Leave of Absence**' form and return to Mrs Bateman in our school office. This form can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from our school website in the Parents Section (attendance).

Communication

It is essential that we have the most up-to-date telephone numbers for parents/carers. If you have changed your number over the Christmas break can you please inform the school office who can update our records accordingly.

Blogging

Since September 2017 (yes, it's really been that long!), our staff have been using their new found blogging skills to showcase what their class has been doing in school. We ask that you visit the 'Classes' section on our school website to find out what your child has been learning. Staff blog fortnightly to give you a greater insight to our wonderful creative curriculum. Each blog allows for comments, so we would love to hear your and your child's thoughts about their learning. In addition to the individual class blogs we also have our '**Celebration Blog**', which showcases our wider school successes including special assemblies and the work we do in the area of British Values. Our '**Physical Activity**' blog is updated regularly to capture how much we value this area of the curriculum and success stories from out of school clubs. If you have any out of school success stories to share about your child please let us know (postbox@rushall.walsall.sch.uk).



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School Closure- Winter Weather Warning

The decision to close the school is never made lightly and is always based on the safety of our children, parents and staff coming to and from school. If we do have to close school we will notify you in the following ways:

- Our very own Rushall App
- Our school website
- Walsall Council website

If you have not managed to download the Rushall App yet or need some assistance, please call into school and we will be more than happy to help.

North Star Federation News

Following Oakwood's recent Ofsted inspection in October 2018 and the finalisation of the report, we can finally shout from the roof-tops, that Oakwood remains OUTSTANDING!!!! The report is now on the Oakwood School website for you to have look through. We are very proud of the team and their continuous hard work and dedication.

As always, we look forward to working with you in 2019 to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to be the best they can possibly be!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Bargh
Executive Headteacher

Mrs L O'Brien
Head of School