



Ardeley St Lawrence C of E Primary School

Newsletter

1 February 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all making your way in today. I realise that travel is difficult in these conditions and I always try to make the safest decision for everyone. It might help you to know what happens before I make a decision to close or open the school: I am in a communication group with the other local Rib Valley Heads. We normally start messaging at about 6am when caretakers arrive at other school sites and let their heads know what conditions are like. I check if the public and school buses are running. I also receive closure alerts from all Stevenage schools. I contact Mrs Jones to check on the weather in Ardeley and contact staff to see if they can travel in from their homes safely. I also check the short range weather forecast to see if any more snow is on its way! Then I make a decision based on the outcomes of all these checks. The safety of the staff and pupils is always my first priority.

When there is snow we do try to let the children play in it - however sometimes there is ice in it and it can be hard to see stones underneath the snow that could easily end up in snowballs. It also depends on how cold and wet the children will get if they are out in it, as we don't have warm baths and spare clothes available like we do at home! Again we try to apply common sense and keep the children safe.

Thank you to all the parents who have met with Miss Fry this week - I hope that you found the meetings helpful. Please always pop in to see her if you have anything you wish to discuss about supporting your child's needs.

Our attendance for last week was 92% - there are a few nasty bugs around at the moment.

Merit certificates will be carried over to next week.

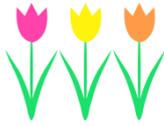
We do have to say a sad 'goodbye' to some children this week. Felicity is moving away and Evelyn, Caprice and Lacey have also left us as they have moved house. We will miss them all and wish them all the best in their new schools.

PLEASE ensure your details are up to date on our systems. Mobile telephone numbers in particular are often changed and we are not informed. We hope we will never have to call you in an emergency but we need to have the correct details to hand.

Please also sign up to our Twitter account for instant messages. Remember to let the office know if you have an unusual 'Twitter name' as I will only accept people on to the account that attend the school and sometimes it is hard to know who people are.

Thank you.

With kind regards,
Mrs Connolly



Spring Diary Dates



Half Term

18 - 22 February

Swimming Y 3 & 4

Second half of the Spring Term
First half of the Summer Term

Parent Consultations

12 & 13 March

End of Spring Term

5 April