

5 January 2010



Dear Parents/Carers

**Happy New Year, Welcome Back!**

Thank you for remembering to go round to the big playground this morning, this gave us a nice calm start to the day!

Could I just remind all parents the side door is for pupil entrance only and parents wishing to speak to myself/Mrs. Jones or any other staff, please come back to the main school entrance, we do still love to see you and are more than happy to answer any of your queries.

Our new system of entering school first thing in a morning, has alerted me to the number of children who are arriving late. All children should be on the school site ready for the bell to go at 8.55 a.m., this is not just so we can start school promptly, we are assisting the children with a skill for life as being punctual for work, appointments etc. is really important - throughout life. In order to eliminate lateness, the school will be logging the names and times of all those children arriving after 8.55, in our 'Late Book', as from tomorrow morning - 6 January - although we do know that sometimes there are very valid reasons. However, these reasons are not accepted on a daily basis and the school will be working with the Education Social Work Service, together with the children and families involved to ensure time-keeping is maintained with children coming to school on time every day.

Snow - please will you make sure we have an up-to-date mobile no. so that we can contact you all by group call to let you know, as soon as possible, if the school is going to be closed, and any early closures, etc. within school. Please don't call us we will text you if the need arises and send a text to you tomorrow, Wednesday 6 January to confirm that the school is indeed open, weather permitting.

Friday 8 January - Staff Training Day - please don't forget the school is closed for children on Friday. We do realise the difficulty of finding childcare for parents who are working, but this is the *first* time in 13 years we have had a second training day in one week. We look forward to seeing you all on time on Monday 11 January.

After School Clubs will be starting as from this Thursday 7 January with Mrs. Roberts' African Drumming Club. On Monday 11 January we will be holding Mad Science Club, Tuesdays - Lunchtime Dance Club, and Maths Extra for Year 6 children only, (after school), and Tag Rugby for Years 1 & 2, Wednesdays - Cheerleading, Thursdays - African Drumming.

Please can I also remind you to complete the questionnaires, which you will receive today by 5 February - with prizes to be won!

We are so pleased to see all our children with happy smiling faces today and we wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

E Stanley  
Headteacher