

Dear Parents,

Welcome back- we have an exciting term ahead of us including Year 5/6 residential and many other events. It is only a short term and we will be busy all the time.

Snow!

Now the weather has finally turned colder we may experience some snow. The decision to close a school is taken by the Headteacher in conjunction with the Chair of Governors after a lot of discussion (and anxiety) and taking a lot of different factors into account with the primary concern being the safety of staff and pupils. I understand the lane up to the school and surrounding lanes can be treacherous during these times; unfortunately very few members of staff have access to a 4 wheel drive and so driving in these conditions can be very dangerous. If staff cannot get to the school safely then unfortunately there will not be the correct staff pupil ratio required to open the school.

If the school does need to be closed the following procedures will take place:

- Mrs Killick will send out a message via Parentmail (please make sure your details are up to date)
- We will put a message out on our website
- We will inform WSCC who will include our school in a list of schools that are closed
- We will inform Bright FM

I'm sure your children may appreciate this time off school however you may wish for them to do some work whilst they are home! Please log into your child's class page on the website or ask your children to write about the snow in any form they like or find a cosy room and read with your child.

I realise how inconvenient closing the school may be to some of you but I hope you appreciate this decision is not taken at all lightly with the safety of everyone being our main concern. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

School Council Fundraising

School Council have met recently and have decided to support Sports Relief on Friday March 18th. We will be organising a sponsored run around the field- more details to follow. We will also be holding a film night on March 11th.

Cross Country

Many congratulations to Evie Tighe and Bella Downs who have recently represented the NEARS group of schools at the Mid Sussex Active Cross Country event which is part of the Sainsbury's School Games Award, at East Grinstead. Please read their report below:

Twineham Cross Country Report

On January 13th Evie Tighe and Bella Downs set off to their former qualified run race in East Grinstead. The run was just over a mile and had many heels. This run had approximately sixty girl competitors; the field was covered in mud. We both finished with a staggering result of Evie winning and Bella finishing in the fastest half. This race was very tough as many competitors's had extremely long legs. However, Evie qualified for the county championships at Hickstead.



Themed week

This term themed week will take place week beginning 29th February and will be on 'Books and Words'. World Book Day is on Thursday of this week. More details to follow.

Residential week

The children will be accompanied on the residential by the following teachers: Mrs Dawson, Miss Meeson and Mr Chapman. During their absence Holly Class will be taught by Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Turner and Daisy Class by Mrs Trott and Mrs Moss.

School Lane – Reminder

Please drive slowly and carefully and watch out for pedestrians walking in the lane.
Please do not park on the roundabout, in the hatched area or in the school staff car park.
(Please do not walk through the staff car park either – there are reversing cars and the space is small!)

Dates for this term:

- 15.02.16 -19.02.16 Half term
- 22.2.16- Inset Day
- 23.2.16- Parent Consultations 2.30pm – 5.30pm
- 24.2.16- Parent Consultations 5.00pm – 7.30pm
- 29.2.16-4.3.16- Residential week Y5/6
- 29.2.16-4.3.16- Themed week- 'Books and Words'
- 11.3.15- School Council Film Night 3.15pm
- 14.3.16- 17.3.16 -Bikeability week Y6 Monday to Thursday afternoon
- 18.3.16- School council Sport Relief event
- 21.3.16- Open afternoon 2.30-3.30 come in and share the work your child has been doing this term
- 24.3.16- Easter service in the Church 2.00pm