

Dear Parents/Carers

Snow Days

Well this has certainly been an eventful week! Most people love to see the snow falling but head teachers dread it as we have to make difficult decisions which we know will impact on parents.

The decision to close the school on Monday was fairly straight forward due to the heaviness of the snowfall. We fully intended to open on Tuesday and all paths on the school site were cleared and gritted. However, I arrived to a car park that was treacherous and, on the basis of safety for staff, and any parents and children that might attempt to use the car park, I decided to close the school. We then spent much of Tuesday clearing an area for staff parking so we could open on Wednesday.

I would like to thank you all for your understanding and cooperation and please accept my apologies for any inconvenience caused.



Nativities

I would like to say a huge well done to the children in KS1, Reception and Nursery. The nativities were truly amazing. The acting, speaking and singing was wonderful and certainly got us all in the Christmas spirit. Thank you to the staff who worked so hard to make these the special events they were.

Christmas Fayre

On behalf of the PTA I would like to say a big thank you to those who attended and supported the Christmas Fayre. This was a great success and raised over £500.

Parent Forum

Thank you to those who responded to say they would attend the Parent Forum on Monday. Obviously this did not go ahead due to the school closure. I would now like to hold this on Monday 15th January at 2.30pm. I will assume the same parents will attend this date. If you are unable, or would now like to attend, please let me know through the school office.

Academy Conversion

Further to our previous correspondence, our conversion date is set for January 2018.

Breakfast and After school club

Thank you for your responses expressing interest in this facility. It is still our intention to offer this provision, however we will be discussing this at trust level, therefore it will not be until later in 2018 we will keep you updated.

Parent Questionnaire

Again, thank you to all those parents who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire on Survey Monkey. Your thoughts and comments are valued and we will reflect on these as we try to improve the teaching and learning experience for our children.

Below is a summary of the responses so far. There were 43 respondees so please bear in mind that 1 person represents about 2.5%

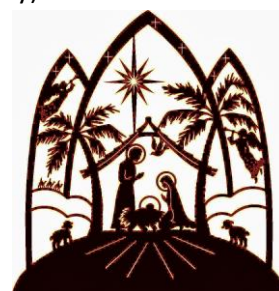
		Strongly agree	Agree	Tend to disagree	Unable to comment
1	My child is safe and happy at this school.	37%	58%	5%	0%
2	My child makes good progress at this school	21%	67%	12%	0%
3	My child is taught well at this school and is developing skills in communication, reading writing and maths.	30%	61%	9%	0%
4	My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	14%	51%	23%	12%
5	The school ensures the pupils are well behaved.	28%	67%	5%	0%
6	The school is well led and managed.	16%	65%	7%	12%
7	The school responds well to any concern I raise.	17%	55%	19%	9%
8	I receive useful information from the school about my child's learning (e.g. parent consultation meetings, curriculum newsletters, pupil annual report, school website).	23%	70%	7%	0%
9	I am happy with the opportunities for prayer and worship and celebrations of Mass and assemblies in the school.	35%	51%	9%	5%

End of Term

Please remember that we end the term on Tuesday 19th December. There will be a Carol Service at 1.30pm. This will end at 2.15pm and **all children should be collected by this time**. Parents/carers are very welcome to join us for the Carol Service.

I hope you have a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Thursday 4th January 2018** (Nursery – Monday 8th January).

Kind regards

J P Carroll
Head Teacher

Friday 15th December 2017