

Thursday 4th. January

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year.

Dates for Your Diary:

Monday 8th. January

Sponsor money and forms to be returned to school.

Tuesday 9th. January

Last term's dance group will perform in Assembly.

Wednesday 10th. January

Primary Schools' Circuit Challenge Sponsored Event
British Champion triple jumper, Naomi Ogbeta, will be in school. All children will need to have their indoor P.E. kits in school on that day.

Thursday 18th. January

Friends of Buckstones meeting at 6.30 in the Park Inn. Everyone welcome.

Friday 19th. January

Year 3 will be meeting their friends from Whitegate End at Buckstones.

Friday 19th. January

Mrs. Leigh and the School Council will visit the Mayor in his Chambers.

Tuesday 23rd. January

Information meeting for Year 2 and Year 6 parents about the SATs tests at 6.00.

Thursday 25th. January

The Choir will be taking part in the Young Voices Event at the Manchester Arena.

Wednesday 7th. February

Full Governors at 5.30.

Friday 9th. February

Non-uniform day for a voluntary contribution of £1.
Break up for half term.

Monday 19th. February

Return to school

Wednesday 21st. February 3.45-6.30	Parents Evening - appointments can be made via Parentmail nearer the time.
Thursday 22nd. February 3.45-6.30	Parents Evening - appointments can be made via Parentmail nearer the time.
Friday 23rd. February	Friends of Buckstones 'Snail Race'
Thursday 29th. March	Break up for Easter
Monday 16 th . April	Return to school

Individual letters will be sent out to the children about after school clubs.

SNOW: what school does:

- * The school's priority is our young people's safety.
- * All decisions are taken around this central concern.
- * We monitor the weather forecast closely and take advice from many agencies.

During the winter, when bad weather can be expected, our first priority is to ensure that the school site is safe and the surrounding roads are passable. The paths are cleared and gritted, and snowballing is not allowed. If conditions deteriorate during the school day, or bad weather is forecast when pupils would be going home, I may inform parents via the school website, our twitter account or parentmail as noted below, that they can collect their child from school early. Extra-curricular activities may also be cancelled when the weather is poor too. The actual timing depends on weather reports. Exceptionally, I may have to decide in advance to close the school and would always try to use the best possible advice available.

Closing the school due to adverse weather is always a difficult decision to make and is only made in extreme circumstances based on the following:

- There is insufficient staff in school because of unexpected snow/weather conditions.
- The weather makes it too dangerous for children and staff to travel to school.
- The school grounds are too dangerous.

- The heating/hot water is not working.
- School dinners are not available due to any of the above reasons.

A decision to close the school is made as soon as I am in receipt of all necessary information which then allows/enables me to make an informed and considered decision.

Communication with parents

Notices of early closure are posted immediately on the school website or via twitter. We also send a message out on Parentmail, although in high levels of demand this can often be slow. We also inform the Local Authority who update their website and inform local media including local radio stations (<http://apps1.oldham.gov.uk/SchoolClosures/Schools.aspx>).