

Wednesday 9th. January

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year.

Dates for Your Diary:

Friday 11 th . January	e-safety talks for Year 5 and Year 6.
Friday 18 th . January	Mrs. Kulczycki's dance group performance for parents.
Tuesday 22 ^{n^d} . January	Mrs. Kulczycki's dance group will perform in Assembly.
Tuesday 22 nd . January	Information meeting for Year 2 and Year 6 parents about the SATs tests at 6.00.
Wednesday 6 th . February	Full Governors at 5.30.
Tuesday 12 th . February	Year 4 Parents' Evening 3.45 - 6.30 *
Wednesday 13 th . February	The Choir will be taking part in the Young Voices Event at the Manchester Arena.
Thursday 14 th . February	Year 4 Parents' Evening 3.45 - 6.30 *
Friday 15 th . February	Non-uniform day for a voluntary contribution of £1. Break up for half term.
Monday 25 th . February	Return to school
Tuesday 26 th . February 3.45-6.30	Parents Evening - appointments can be made via Parentmail nearer the time.
Thursday 28 th . February 3.45-6.30	Parents Evening - appointments can be made via Parentmail nearer the time.
Thursday 7 th . March	Friends of Buckstones meeting at 6.30 in the Park Inn. Everyone welcome.

Friday 8 th . March	Science day
Thursday 21 st . March	"Rock Your Socks to School!" World Down's Syndrome Day where the children can wear odd socks for a contribution of £1 and buy a sock biscuit.
Friday 22 nd . March	Book People Bus will be visiting school
Friday 22 nd . March	Friends of Buckstones 'Snail Race'
Wednesday 27 th . March	Year 3 will be visiting Bolton Museum as part of their Egyptian topic.
Friday 5 th . April	Break up for Easter
Tuesday 23 rd . April	Return to school

***Unfortunately, due to Mrs. McQuoney being called for Jury Service she will not be in school week beginning 25th. February, therefore we have moved Year 4's Parents' Evening to the week before half term.**

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>).