

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. January**

**Dear Parents,**

**Happy New Year.**

**Dates for Your Diary:**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. January

Mrs. Kulczycki's dance group will perform in Assembly.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>. January

Year 4's Victorian Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. January

Maths. Afternoon for parents to visit their child's class to see what they are learning about in maths.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>. January

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

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>. January

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

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>. February

Full Governors at 5.30.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>. February

e-safety week

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>. February

Year 1 to visit Oldham's Art Gallery

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>. February

Friends of Buckstones meeting at the Park Inn at 6.30pm. All parents are welcome.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>. February

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

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>. February

Return to school

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>. February 3.45-6.30

Parents Evening - appointments can be made via Parentmail nearer the time.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>. February 3.45-6.30

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Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> .February	Science day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> . March	Year 3 will be visiting Bolton Museum as part of their Egyptian topic.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> . March	Sponsored event-Athlete in school for fitness circuit, this includes the whole school 1.15-3.15pm.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> . 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. AND Book People Bus will be visiting school AND Reading Afternoon for parents to visit their child's class to take part in Reading activities. The children can come to school dressed as a book character.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> . March	Friends of Buckstones 'Snail Race'
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> . April	Reception will be visiting the Sea Life Centre at the Trafford Centre.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> . April	Break up for Easter
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> . April	Return to school

**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>).