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Dear Parents

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018

#### **Advice in case of heavy snow**

We have been warned that there may be heavy snow falls towards the end of the week which may result in us having to close the school. Please check the school website first before setting off. I will try to get into school first thing. If I am unable to do so, I will make sure that there is a message on the homepage of the Whitley Chapel First School website on the homepage in the orange box at the top of the page. We will also inform you by Facebook as soon as possible. If you do not see any warnings by 8.15 am, please assume we are open, and bring your children in as soon as you are safely able.

#### **Thank you for your support**

A huge thank you to everyone who has signed and shared the petition to keep our school open. The staff and I have been really encouraged by the appreciative and supportive messages that have been shared, and you can be assured that we will do everything we can to ensure that nothing will stop us from teaching your children as normal, and making sure they have the best experience possible at our wonderful school.

#### **Book Week**

Please can the children make sure that their book entries are ready to share with us on Monday morning 5<sup>th</sup> March, as we would like to read them in our first Book Week assembly. We will also be judging the Early Years bookmarks and awarding prizes. Don't forget your invitation to our **Dress as a Book character assembly on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15 am**. We are looking forward to seeing more evidence of your amazing creativity! On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March we will be off to Cragside for our book themed visit. Please can the children be extra punctual; we would like to set off at 9.00 sharp – if they could be in school **by 8.50 am**, we can register them and make sure everyone has been to the toilet before we leave. We will be back at normal end of school time, and Italian Club will be going on as usual. On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we will be going down to Hexham in the morning to visit the library and Cogito bookshop. Since Thursday is our swimming day, we will stay down in Hexham and have a picnic in the park, or in another venue if it is snowing! The Early Years children will go to Jungle Jack's while the older children are swimming, and return to school on the coach with them. Linda will provide packed lunches on both days for the children who normally have a school lunch. Please can you sign and return the accompanying permission slip and send in your voluntary contributions.

#### **Meeting about School re-organisation**

Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00 pm to share views and strategy about the proposed re-organisation. This is a very important time for the school and we need to make sure our voices are heard.

Yours sincerely

Miss Jenny Morgan