



Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 10th January 2019

Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful festive period and are now refreshed and energised for the Spring Term ahead.

With the weather being colder now that we are in the depths of Winter, please ensure that your children bring appropriate hats, gloves, scarves and coats, which are labelled to ensure they are toasty when they are outside in the cold weather. We could see some snow over the coming weeks, at school we make every endeavour to remain open during adverse weather. However, it is important if the weather forecast predicts heavy snow, that all families regularly check their phones and our school website as, in the rare event that we have to close the school we will communicate this to you via text message in the first instance and publish this on our website. It is never an easy decision to close our school but the health and safety of everyone must come first. We would of course inform you of any decisions at the earliest possible time in order for families to make any necessary arrangements. Obviously, we grit as quickly as we can during periods of ice and snow, gritting the main entrance and exit routes first. On occasions of severe ice and snow, we will only open the main gate to ensure everyone's safety. Let's hope for a much milder winter this year than last!

PTA

Great news from the Christmas Fayre, which we held in school back in December- the Fayre raised a total of **£2178.09** for school! Thank you so much to all of the PTA members for their hard work and commitment and of course to our families for supporting the event. The funds are very much gratefully received and will be used to ensure our children have all the resources they need to support them with their learning. The annual AGM for the PTA will be held on **Tuesday 29th of January in our hall at 9.00am**. Please do come along if you have a spare half hour- we are really keen to develop the PTA and attract some new members to ensure our key events throughout the year can continue to take place. Everyone is welcome!

Safeguarding

There is an excellent website, which has been recommended to us called Common Sense Media. This is a really useful website for parents to consult with as it gives recommendations for appropriate apps, movies and games for children to play which are age appropriate. The website describes the content of movies, apps and games in a simple and quick guide so that parents can make an informed decision about which apps, games and movies they allow their child to play. It is well worth a visit.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org>

Regular attendance is crucial if our children are to achieve all they can in the next two terms. We understand that sometimes children do become ill and the best place for them to be is at home so they can recover quickly and return to school. There are only **27 days remaining in this half term** and then we will be half way through the academic year, every day really does count. As you are aware, we monitor attendance very closely, **if your child is too unwell to attend school, it is important that you telephone the school office by 8.30am to inform us of your child's absence.**



Here's to a healthy, happy and exciting 2019, full of new possibilities and adventures!

Mrs Bennett

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