



## Spring Term Newsletter No.8



This is a newsletter with a difference! I just wanted to say "Thank you" for your understanding about the school closure and the recent snow days. We are aware that many of you work for the Emergency Services or in the Care sector and so would need to get to work to continue offering support to those who need it, and may struggle to find last minute childcare. It is never an easy decision to close a school as we know that this will mean disruption to your routines and I do apologise for any inconvenience caused. Leaving the school open risks having too few staff on site to keep the children safe or potentially having no way of returning the children safely to you at the end of the day as the conditions change so quickly. Given the position of our school and the nature of the school site it is impossible to keep it hazard free after heavy snow and ice and the children's safety has to be our priority. It is extremely rare that Torquay experiences weather like we've just seen and probably for the children it was their first real experience of snow. Thank you to the families who have shared photos and videos of their snow fun on our Twitter page, it has been lovely to see the children enjoying making snowmen, snow angels (even upside down ones!), sledging and of course snowball fights! I imagine these will be memories that will last.



School will be open on Monday as usual and our Scholastic Book Fair will open to families after school on Monday and Tuesday. We will be handing out the World Book Day tokens on Monday which can be used against the purchase of a book. The date for exchanging the tokens has been extended nationally due to the snow so you will be able to use the tokens in book shops throughout March. We will reorganise the World Book Day events sometime after the Y6 residential (they would never forgive us if we had pyjama day without them!)

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday,  
Mrs Stell