

# Heswall Primary School



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Dear Parents

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## Welcome Back

A welcome back to all our children and their families after the half-term break from school. We hope that you all had a lovely week off. We now start the second half of the school year with the first term and a half now complete.

## The Cold

Despite the cold weather and as long as it is reasonably possible, we will still be taking children outside for playtime and lunch times. Please ensure that the children have an appropriate coat and footwear to keep them as comfortable and warm as possible. We anticipate that the temperature will drop further later in the week.

## What happens if the school cannot open?

If we are ever faced with temporary closure due to the weather conditions either making the school or surrounding areas dangerous, then you can find the full procedure on the 'Bad Weather' tab on the school website. If we have your correct details such as mobile phone number or email address we will give you as much possible notice as we can by sending an alert. If you don't think we have your up to date details, please let us know as soon as possible. The school e-mail address is at the top of this letter. Remember if you download the eSchools app, then there will be no cost to the school to send messages. We will always attempt to make the school safe before making a closure decision.

## World Book Day

This Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March is World Book Day. As always, we are inviting the children to once again to dress up as a character from a book. The aim is to boost the love of reading and hopefully the children will have a lovely day. This week, as part of the World Book Day Celebrations, all year groups will be working from the book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. We are hoping to see how the children perceive different things from the book and how this will inspire their own writing.

## Attendance

As you are aware, the school has to regularly monitor attendance and punctuality of every pupil. The school is aiming for an average attendance of all pupils to be 97%. As a result, the school receives visits from an Educational Social Worker to analyse the attendance of pupils. It is their role to assist families and the school to improve attendance where attendance is not considered to be at least satisfactory. You may receive letters or text alerts from the school from time to time. Please note that unless there are exceptional circumstances, the school cannot authorise holidays in term time. There are currently 33 children in the school that still have 100% attendance since the beginning of the academic year.

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