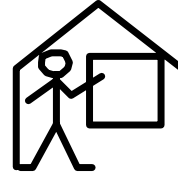


January 15th 2010



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all

Due to the snow it has been an unusual start to the Spring Term, but your understanding regarding the school closures is appreciated. Our transport providers have worked extremely hard over this period but I have informed them that if, in their opinion the side roads are too dangerous then not to collect pupils. The health and safety of our pupils (and drivers / escorts) is paramount and I have no doubt that you will agree that we would not want an accident to occur, which may be fatal.

However as you can see from the photographs of our Class of the Week - Tulips we have also enjoyed the snow! There are also more photographs on our school website of staff clearing the snow to enable us to reopen earlier this week.



Welcome to Olivia



We welcome our new pupil - Olivia to the Caterpillars morning group. She started at school on Monday and will at present be with us for three sessions a week. We all hope that she progresses well and enjoys life to the full, with everything that we offer her.

In addition we welcome two new members of staff - Chantelle who has joined Willows group and to Lorraine who is teaching some PE and working on our fundraising campaign.



After School Sports Clubs

Our Tuesday and Thursday after school sports clubs will re start after half term. Further information regarding the activities will be sent out shortly.

Snack Money

Please remember to send in £5 to cover the healthy snacks for your son / daughter this half term. Thank you to those of you who have already done so.

Tulips are Class of the Week

This term Tulips Class topic is 'Winter exploration' and we have been learning some new snow songs with Brad accompanying us on his guitar. On Tuesday last week we started singing and then it snowed! Was it our entire fault?

We were all very excited when it started to snow and have been making the most of exploring and playing in the snow. David helped to build a snowman and chose him a warm hat and scarf to wear. Samira and Jacob explored the snow with their hands and listened to the sounds of scrunching ice and snow under their wheelchairs.



Lily, Priya and Tabinda discovered some icicles hanging from the wendy house roof. Then we all enjoyed a snowball fight and warmed ourselves with a treat of hot chocolate



Dates for this Term

At present this term is a reasonably quiet one, but here are the dates of the main events that we have so far:

Thursday January 28th
Week beginning February 8th
Friday February 12th
Monday February 22nd
Thursday April 1st

Science Day - Zoo Lab are visiting
IEP Assessment Week
Break up for half term
School Reopens
End of Term Easter Assembly - 10am
School closes for the Easter Holiday at **1:30pm**



Have a good weekend everyone

Ruth