

NEWSLETTER

15th January 2010

Weather

The start of the term has been eventful with the extreme weather conditions we have experienced. As parents are aware, this resulted in school being closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday last week. Thanks to all of you who have managed to get your child(ren) into school during this weather.

The school playground remains unsafe for playtimes therefore, the children have been kept inside this week. The forecast is for a thaw this weekend, so we are hopeful that the area will be safe for use next week.

We have also opened doors to classrooms earlier, when possible, to keep the number of children on the playground to a minimum. Due to staff briefing before school yesterday (Thursday), doors could not be opened early. Unfortunately, some children from Key Stage 2 took this opportunity to throw 'snowballs' on the playground. Clearly, this was inappropriate as what was being thrown was more like ice. I have spoken to children about this and, even though the snow may well be gone by Monday, would like to ask parents to reinforce the need for sensible and safe behaviour before school. This is especially the case for parents of some older children who make their own way to school and/or are left unsupervised on the playground.

Building Works (1)

Over Christmas, Mrs Jennings' reception classroom was extended and improved. Thanks to all the children and parents who assisted us in working around this in the week prior to Christmas and the first week back. The school now also has a meeting room and a deputy Headteacher's room. These new spaces have replaced the ICT suite, resulting in increased ICT facilities in each classroom.

Building Works (2)

We are expecting work to build two new classrooms to replace the mobiles to begin this term. When I have specific dates and details, I will write to parents to explain the implications for school whilst this work is going on.



(ii) children enjoying their new room.

Turf and Feather Car Park

I would like to remind those parents who park on the car park at the Turf and Feather Pub to ensure that they do not block the entrance to the car park or the side of the pub (access for deliveries). The school has maintained good relations with the pub and the management of the pub have continued to allow parents to use the car park. The management have also told me that the vast majority of parents use the car park considerably and safely. However, it appears that a minority do not. Whereas the pub would clearly not want to, they may be left with no option but to close the car park before school if it is not used properly.