



Dear Parents/carers

**A very 'Happy New Year' to everyone.** As always the Christmas holiday seems to have passed very quickly! I hope you enjoyed the break and that the children are fit and well and ready for a new term. It is a very short term but we still have several visitors enriching the curriculum. Y5 will be undertaking a residential trip to Burwell House and we can also look forward to the Y3/4 production in March. We are very pleased to be able to welcome Ms Cheesley to the team. She will be teaching four days each week covering PPA (planning, preparation & assessment) release time for colleagues.

#### **School Closure due to Bad Weather Conditions.**

As bad weather has been forecast for the first two months of the year I thought it important to remind you of the procedure for notifying parents of the closure of the school.

- It takes time to establish how bad the roads are with all members of staff and whether they are likely to be able to get in. No decision will be made before 7.45 am.
- Notice of closure will be given to Radio Cambridgeshire, so if closures are taking place, this is the station to listen to. Judging from last year, there is likely to be a delay before they announce it.
- A notice of closure will be posted on our school website. **You will need to 'refresh' the page to ensure up to the minute information.**
- If possible, we will keep the school open but you should be aware that several members of staff live a distance from Milton.
- If weather conditions are poor and you are unsure if we will be open, please do not send your child to school unaccompanied.

In the event of snow children would only be allowed out to play if they were wearing waterproof boots.

#### **Health & Safety Notice**

Mr Brown, the school caretaker will salt the playgrounds and paths on slippery mornings. The boat in the KS1 playground can become dangerous in bad weather so **until further notice children are not allowed to climb on the boat before school.** Please reinforce this safety rule with your child.

#### **We are a Healthy School!**

We have recently been informed that our school has achieved Healthy Schools status. This national accreditation means that we provide a solid foundation of health education enabling the children to do better in learning and in life. Our involvement with the programme shows that the whole school community is committed to improving their health and happiness and getting the most out of life.

Children, teachers, parents and governors have all played an important part in achieving Healthy Schools status, and we would like to thank everyone for their support. **J Cattermole      A Lycett**

#### **Parent/Teacher Consultations**

Parent/teacher consultations will take place on 19th & 21<sup>st</sup> February. As this is a particularly important term for Y6, we will be allocating 15-minute appointments for parents. Please make sure you sign up for an appointment.

#### **Children's Clothing**

At the end of term there was a considerable amount of unnamed lost property. Please can you check that your child's clothing is clearly named; labels do fade in the wash. Please also check that your child has brought home their own uniform, it is very easy for it to become muddled and parents are rightly concerned when their child's named clothing is lost. Thank you.

At the end of term staff were concerned that a number of children were coming to school without coats. I appreciate that those travelling in cars may not always be aware of the temperature but the playgrounds at lunchtime can be very cold and children **MUST** have coats to wear.

Yours sincerely  
**Miss S J Dorrington**