



Weekly Newsletter

8 January, 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and also a warm welcome to our new families starting full time with us this term. We will strive to make your association with our school both rewarding and enjoyable.

As you can appreciate, the weather conditions over the last few days have caused disruption and, no doubt, a good few problems for yourselves with the school being closed. It is certainly not the way I would have wanted to start the term but I have one over arching consideration in mind when taking the decision to close or open and that is the safety of all at the school. One main factor in this, is whether I can have sufficient staff at school by 9am. This proved impossible yesterday for a number of staff with myself only reaching the school at 11:30am. I take any decision of this kind at 7:30am after consulting the staff and speaking to the Chair of Governors and then get the information out to you as soon as possible after that by local radio, the website and telephoning around. I was pleased to hear many of you used our website to check on whether we were open or not and we can get the information on there very quickly. The website is: www.kilmingtonprimary.co.uk As from Monday Mrs Harding will also be texting closure notices, so keep your mobiles on. Hopefully, all parents will be notified by one means or another by 8:45am. Let's just hope the poor weather expected on Sunday is not as bad as they forecast!

Due to the disruption I have not been able to confirm and finalise all the events on this term's diary, so this will be going out next week rather than today. Also watch out for your children's Class Newsletters coming out next week, giving details of the work and topics they will be covering over this coming term.

I am sending out the After School Club timetable for this term today as some clubs, especially those run by our two trainee teachers, are starting next week so we can make use of their talents and expertise while they are with us. Look out for the Science Club and for the first time a Drama Club! However, at the time of writing this letter I have been unable to confirm the Cookery Club and Multi-Skills Club. Please send back the forms indicating whether your child would like to do these clubs and I will confirm early next week whether they are taking place or not.

Yarty Class will be going swimming from next Wednesday 13, January and there is a separate letter for parents of children in this class giving further details.

Finally, please don't forget there is a meeting for parents of children in Years 3 and 4 on Monday, 11 January at 3pm to discuss the forthcoming residential trip to Hooke Court. If you cannot attend please make sure your child gives you the information given out at this meeting.

Malcolm Bettison