

Dear Parents

First of all a Happy New Year I hope you all had a good Christmas and relaxing holiday.

**To bring you up to date with some school dates**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> and	-	Parents Evening
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Parents Evening
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	-	INSET Day
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Half-Term

**Car Parking**

I do understand that it is winter (particularly with the weather as it is now!) but would ask you NOT to use the staff car park on Westbourne View as a drop off area for your children and PLEASE do not park on the zig zag lines. This is an offence and does put the children at risk as these are straight outside the school gates and where the children enter and leave school. If it is at all possible could you walk your children here!

At the end of last term we had some “near misses” due to cars being parked inappropriately and children not being able to see round them to cross the road. Your help with this would be much appreciated!

**School Closure**

A letter was sent out to parents on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January but because there were a number of children absent due to bad weather the letter is reproduced below.

We will always try to keep the schools open and it is sometimes a difficult decision to make based on weather forecasts and observations. There are several reasons why a school might have to close: staff being unable to reach school due to conditions where they live, frozen pipes, boiler problems, no water etc. There are also ratios of staff to children that we have a legal requirement to meet! So there may be occasions in the next few weeks when the school is open and the nursery is not and vice versa.

If the weather is particularly bad and you are not sure whether the school or nursery will be open please listen to Radio Nottingham, Trent fm or Radio Mansfield or check their websites. Or if need be you can always phone!

**Photographs**

The children will be having their photographs taken on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January - more information to follow.

**After School Clubs for this Half Term**

Mondays - Street Dance - 3.20 - 4.00 p.m. Years 1, 2 and 3 (still 3 places available)

Wednesday s - Choir - 3.15 - 4.00 pm.

More clubs to follow.....

Yours sincerely

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