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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone for your patience at such a difficult time. It has been very frustrating having to shut nursery and club. The decision is not straightforward and is based on site safety, road and travel conditions for parents and staff, and neighbouring schools. As we found today the conditions change at the most inappropriate times. Although I have done my best to keep the website up to date there has been the inevitable overload and sites have crashed adding to the frustrations. For some technical reason older home pages of the school website have come up when first accessing the website. If the date is old please refresh your page before reading.

A big THANK YOU too, for parents who have helped clear the turning circle which will help when the thaw starts and improve access to the site. Please walk and drive safely as pavements, turning circle and roads will be icy in the mornings.

A copy of this newsletter will go out from nursery on Thursday. With it will be three further letters. The first concerns our new password system. The second is a data collection sheet which we have to ask you to check and complete missing information before returning to the office. The third is a questionnaire regarding the snow to enable you to provide the school with feedback regarding communication and home learning.

Thank you once again for your patience



Mrs Heath

Lost Property

Children have been developing all their dressing skills during this weather! There is however, quite a collection of LOST PROPERTY. Please take a moment to check the tables and trolley on Thursday to see if any of it belongs to you.

Absence

If your child needs to be absent from school or club for any reason please telephone that morning. It helps staff plan activities and monitor absence.



School Dinners

More children are taking school dinners now and there are some spaces for dinners and packed lunches at lunch club on certain days. Please ring the nursery office for more details. Free school meals may be available and the office will be able to advise.

PTA

We hope before too long, to have a PTA meeting. Currently we have two parents on the PTA Committee and they would really appreciate some more volunteers. It will involve some discussion (over coffee in the staff room) and an evening meeting once a term. Once fund raising activities have been decided parents volunteer for certain tasks.

The Christmas Fair was a great success and raised over £700. This is money the nursery and club can spend on visiting speakers and resources. The PTA also funds the purple book bags which make information sharing so much easier as well as providing a safe home for library books. Thank you.

There will probably be a small fund raising activity this term with a social gathering in the garden in the summer term. This will depend on the committee and the number of helpers available. Please respond to the flier when it comes out.

Diary Dates

Spring Half Term Holiday: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

Easter Break: Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2010

Summer Term 2010: Monday 19th April to Friday 23rd July 2010
19th April 2010 Nursery Closed Inset Day
28th May 2010 Nursery Closed Inset Day
23rd July 2010 Nursery closed Inset Day

Summer Half Term Holiday : Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2010
May Bank Holiday: 3rd May 2010

Coffee Curriculum Sessions for parents: Monday 1st February am, Thursday 4th February am, Tuesday 2nd February pm. Invites will go out shortly.

Rainforest Adventure: Thursday 21st January. To coincide with our rainforest role play area some real jungle explorers are coming to visit with some real rainforest animals!

