

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, weather warnings have been issued for this area of the Country later in the week. Our prime concern of the School must always be the safety of our pupils and staff. Please read the following important information.

EMERGENCY CLOSURE

With the change in weather predicted this week it seems an appropriate



EMERGENCY INFO

time to remind parents of our procedure for closing the school in an emergency. In the case of extreme weather, any decision whether or not to close the school will be taken before 7am of the morning of the closure.

Emergency Closures outside the school day (e.g. snow closures)

Once a decision has been made to close the school, the following actions will take place.

1) We will inform West Sussex County Council. You can register to receive alerts from county by clicking on the link below:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/learnin/g/schools_ages_4-16/emergency_school_closures.aspx

broadcast the closure. (Please be aware that there can be a delay between informing the radio station and them broadcasting the information.)

3) We will publicise the closure via the school's website.

4) A message will be sent via ParentMail.

Emergency Closures within the school day

If the school has to be closed during the school day, the school will begin a procedure for contacting parents as soon as possible, to inform them that the school is being closed. If the school needs to be evacuated, then the collection point and muster station is St Mary's Church, Compton.

Decisions to close the school

The decision to close the school is a serious one. Our main consideration will always be the health and safety of our children and staff. In the case of bad weather, please be aware that all schools are different and can be affected by such situations in different ways, depending on whether children come to school by bus or whether staff live a long way away etc.

COATS AND HATS

As the weather is very cold, we ask that children are sent to school with named coats every day. Even if they come to school in a warm car, they will still spend significant amounts of time outside during the day and we want

them to be comfortable. Also a reminder that if Children wish to wear a winter hat they need to be a School logoed one which are available to order from the office. No other winter hats please.

OFSTED

As you are aware, we had an Ofsted Inspection last week. The report will be available in approximately 15 days for us all to see and a copy will be sent home to all families.

YEAR 6 NATIONAL CURRICULUM

TESTS 2018 - Reminder



The Year 6 children have been working very hard in school to prepare for these tests and we would like

to invite all Year 6 parents to a special briefing meeting on **Thursday 1st March, starting at 5:30pm and finishing around 6:00pm.** This will provide important information about why we have the tests, how the tests have changed, how the tests are administered, how the results will be reported, how we are preparing the children and how you can help at home. We believe it is extremely important for each child to do his or her best and, following the tests, to be rewarded with the highest possible level of achievement. The role of parents is therefore vital in terms of providing the right level of encouragement and support.

DIARY DATES

Please find attached key dates for the Spring Term.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to emphasise that if you have any concerns about your child's progress, or any aspect of their school life, please contact firstly

the class teacher, then Mr Christmas/myself.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Claire Inskip
Headteacher

Diary Dates - Spring 2018

New dates this newsletter added in italics

w/b Monday 26th February

Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 1st March

World Book day & Literacy day

Thursday 1st March

Year 6 NCTs meeting 5.30pm -6pm

Thursday 1st March, starting at 5:30pm and finishing around 6:00pm.

Friday 2nd March

Friends Book Sale (details to follow)

Monday 5th March

INSET

Wednesday 7th March

Parent's Evening

Tuesday 13th March

Parent's Evening

Thursday 29th March

Easter Service at 9.15am

Thursday 29th March

Egg Rolling competition

*Thursday 29th March
(Parents by invitation)*

Headteacher's Award assembly 2.30pm

Thursday 29th March

Last day of term

