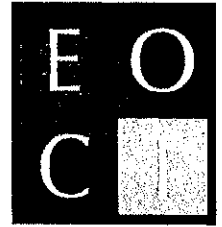




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NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Christmas break! The staff and I wish you all a Happy New Year. We hope the children are well rested, full of energy and ready for the term ahead.

Just a few reminders

- Please ensure that the gates are **closed** at all times.
- Please ensure your child has their P.E. bag in school **every day**.
- All money, letters, forms etc. must be returned to your child's **class teacher** rather than directly to the office
- Parking around school is a huge issue and can put children's lives at risk and inconvenience our neighbours! **Please carefully consider where you park your car.** Remember the Tap pub at the top of Dimple Well Lane and the Cricket Club are happy for you to park your car there and walk the rest of the way, however please ensure to enter and exit the car park with care.
- Please ensure all **uniform is named** so that lost property can be quickly returned. A huge amount was left at the end of last term – please feel free to come in and look for any lost items.
- **Jewellery should not be worn** at school (including Lower Foundation), except for stud earrings and watches, for health and safety reasons.
- Medication is only administered to children if it prescribed by the doctor to be taken **4 times a day**.
- All children should have a school water bottle with them **every day**.

Also please can you pass on to anyone who collects your child from school that:

- **dogs are not allowed on the school premises and need to be fastened to the railings outside of the school**
- **the school site is a smoking free zone and this includes e-cigarettes too**

Severe weather

Should we have severe weather conditions, necessitating **closure of the school** we will send out a message on Parent Hub and try to get an announcement played on **BBC Radio Leeds (92.4FM, 95.3FM & DAB), Capital 105 FM, Real Radio, Smooth Radio and Ridings FM (106.8)** so please listen out. We will also include a message on the **school website <http://dimplewell.wakefield.sch.uk>** and a list of school closures is also on the **Wakefield MDC website: www.wakefield.gov.uk** so please check all of these first.

It would be helpful if telephone calls to the school are kept to a minimum as staff may be delayed getting to school. If the phone is not answered it does not necessarily mean we will be closed. Closure is rare and the decision not to open will only be taken if insufficient staff can reach school, without putting themselves at risk.

If the weather is bad during the school day, parents should use their discretion about coming to collect their children early. If conditions on local roads seem to be deteriorating we may start to telephone parents and ask them to collect their children.



If you are unable to collect your child at 3.10pm because of the weather, they will be cared for until someone picks them up. However, if possible, **please phone** to let us know you are delayed so that we can reassure your child that you are safe. As ever, our main concern will always be the safety of the children, parents and staff.

Punctuality

Can I remind you that school officially starts at 8.55am. That means all the children should be ready to line up and enter school as the bell rings. A child arriving even 2 or 3 minutes late disrupts their learning and the learning of others, as learning begins as soon as the children enter the classroom.

Please do all you can to be at school on time, the Education Welfare Officer carries out regular punctuality checks.

Photographs

On **Tuesday 4th February 2020**, the school photographer will be in school to take individual and family photographs. All children in school will have an individual photograph as well as a photograph with any brothers or sisters in school unless you instruct us otherwise. If you would like a photograph taking which includes brothers and sisters who do not attend this school then please go to the hall between 8.30 – 9.00 am.

Clubs

All clubs start **next week**.

- **Wake up and shake up** **Wednesday and Friday** mornings 8.30 to 8.55. A free fun club.
- **Choir** Tuesday 3.15 - 4.00pm
- **Football club** Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15pm
- **Taekwondo club** Thursday 3.15 – 4.15pm
- **French Club** Thursday 3.15 - 4.00pm
- **Science Club** Thursday 3.15 - 4.00pm
- **Yoga for children** Friday 3.15- 4.00pm

Please note a separate booking letter will be sent out as a hard copy.

Parent Surgery

Each class teacher will hold their termly parent surgery meeting. The purpose of such meetings are to inform you of what your child will be learning about that term and advise on how you can support their learning at home. Unfortunately these have to be held in school time. If you are unable to attend personally a willing grandparent or relative is welcome to attend on your behalf. Alternatively, arrange to see the class teacher at a mutually convenient time.

The dates for this term are as follows:

Mrs Simmons Tuesday 14th January 9.00am
Miss Winters

Mrs Dilworth Wednesday 15th January 9.00am
Mrs Robson

Miss Goodall Thursday 16th January 9.00am
Mrs Wilkinson/Mrs Broadley

Mrs Southwell Thursday 16th January 11.15am or 2.45pm

Dates for the diary

Individual and family photographs Tuesday 4th February
Half term holiday Friday 14th February
School re-opens Monday 24th February

Holiday in term time

Now that Christmas is over and lots of you turn your minds to holidays please can I remind you that school operates a 'zero tolerance' policy towards holidays in term time. All holidays in term time will be **unauthorised** unless they meet the 'exceptional circumstances' criteria.

Year 2 children will be taking their SAT tests during the month of May and Year 1 children will be taking a Phonic screening test during the week beginning 8th June.

And finally

All members of staff are available to help and advise parents in whatever way they can, so please talk to them about any concerns, worries, questions etc.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,

H. E. Williams

Mrs H. E. Williams,
Headteacher.