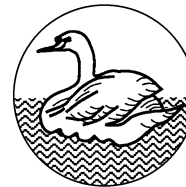


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Spring term

NEWSLETTER

15th January 2010

Adverse Weather

The recent snowy conditions have caused us all travel and general safety problems, and we are grateful for the support you have given to the measures the school has taken. We have had to balance the weather predictions and questions as to their reliability against the wish to keep the school open as far as possible. Wherever possible, we have contacted other local schools to try to co-ordinate decisions.

Decisions to close the school have been notified by text to all parents who have given up to date mobile phone numbers to the school office. (Please let us have yours if you have not done so). They have also been posted on the school web-site.

When the school has not been closed, no notification has been sent, as we expect this to be the "default" position, i.e. if there is no message, the school is open.

Unfortunately, the school telephone system has been blocked by incoming calls, asking if the school is open, on the mornings when it has been. This causes difficulty to callers with other enquiries, prevents timely return calls, and detains office staff for long periods.

We would be grateful if you would normally assume the school to be open unless you hear otherwise. Thank you again for your co-operation.

Home Access Grants

These are the new grants, available from this week, to parents whose children are registered for free school meals. The aim of the grant is to remove the 'digital divide' that prevents disadvantaged children from using technology to support their learning. Successful applicants will receive a new computer, preloaded with appropriate software including eSafety controls, together with 1 year's internet access.

Details and application forms are available on 0333 200 1004, or on www.homeaccess.org.uk/information-for-parents/

We hope all eligible families will take advantage of both free school meals, and this grant!

Parents Evenings

The dates for this term's report evenings are Thursday 18th and Tuesday 30th March. Details and appointment request slips will be issued after half-term (13th – 21st February)

School Books

Please help us by checking at home for any reading books the children have brought home and not returned. Our stocks are suffering, and there will be no blame when any are returned! Please leave any that you find with the school office. Thank you!

Golden Book Awards

Awards went to: Kasper Pannell-Lowe and Aaron Tam of 1R; Sadiqah Begum and Archie Metcalfe-Boon of 1G; Stanley Aitken and Tamara Morrison of 2N; Georgie Belle Horwood, Enya Vintila, Achiya Leach and Renee Mcleod of 2R; Lily Higgins and Pawel Glamacinski of 2F; Ehsan Hassan and Seyyid Ayan of 3B; Jasmine Patel and Ammar Malik Askew of 3W; Jaden Cunningham Turner and Elsa Arnold of 3C. Well done everyone!

PTA information overleaf:

WINTER FAYRE REPORT

We hope you all agree that the Winter Fayre was a 'fun filled, fund raising, festive event' with lots of games to play, prizes to be won, things to create and a wonderful selection of food to tempt our tastebuds. The event was very well attended and we hope everyone who came thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We raised in the region of £950 for the school. We will let you know what the school is going to spend this money on shortly.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped at the Winter Fayre by setting up, running stalls and clearing away. Without the help and support of willing and able parent and staff volunteers like yourselves the P.T.A. would not be able to organise such events so ...**THANKYOU!**

S.O.S - SAVE OUR P.T.A. - S.O.S.

Thank you to those parents who sent in the yellow 'S.O.S.' reply slips offering to help save the P.T.A. We will be contacting you shortly to try and arrange a meeting to discuss the future of Aldersbrook Primary School P.T.A. Details of the meeting will also be published in the Newsletter so if anyone out there cares about saving the P.T.A. please make sure you come along and show your support – Many Thanks!