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Houghton News

MEETING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

Dear Parents/Carers

As the weather turned chilly last week and the prospect of snow was forecast, I thought it would be a good opportunity to remind you of our snow procedure for school.

In the event of a severe snow fall affecting the whole of the region in such a way as to severely restrict normal transport and safe journeys to school, a decision may have to be made to close the school. We do fully understand the inconvenience and disruption that a school closure may cause, but the health and safety of all of the children and staff getting to and from school as well as whilst they are on site will always be our top priority.

If local weather conditions dictate that a closure is the best and safest course of action, a decision will be made by 7.00am.

Closure information will be communicated to Telford & Wrekin Council/Radio Shropshire and will be posted on the following site:

<https://apps.telford.gov.uk/snowline/>

Please then recheck this website for details of when the school will re-open.

If the school is open, but the weather deteriorates significantly during the school day, a decision to close early may be made. In this instance, we will contact parents/carers. Children who travel to and from school on transport will return home early. For children who are usually brought to and from school by parents/carers, we appreciate that there may be a delay between you receiving the message and getting to school. Key members of staff will remain on site until all of the children have been collected. It is important that you get here safely too!

In order for this procedure to happen as smoothly as possible it is essential that the school office have your **up-to-date mobile phone number**. Please let us know whenever your numbers change so that your child's record can be updated accordingly.

Gill Knox - Headteacher

Don't forget.....

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please ensure that you telephone the school office before the start of the school day to inform us of the reason and also please contact your child's transport provider. Can we also please ask you to keep us informed of any appointments your child may have. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary...

Haughton Coffee Morning

Friday 29 January

10.00am —12.00pm

Drop in anytime—everyone welcome

Class 6 - Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery Trip

Tuesday 2nd February

Class 5 - Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery Trip

Wednesday 3rd February

February Half Term

Monday 15—Friday 19 February

Save the Date! - Easter Disco

Thursday 24th March

Uniform Orders

Orders for school uniform are placed in the first week of each month. Please can you make sure that all uniform orders are sent into the school office **next week**. Thankyou.





Coffee Morning - Friday 29th January (10.00am—12.00pm)



Our first coffee morning of 2016 is on Friday 29th January. Jayne Stevens (one of our Governors) is hoping to come along to the coffee morning on behalf of Parents Opening Doors (PODS). Jayne is interested in gathering the views of parents/carers on the proposed budget cuts announced by Telford & Wrekin Council at the beginning of January 2016. PODS have published some information about the budget cuts on their website, which can be accessed by visiting the following link.

<http://www.podstelford.org/telford-and-wrekin-proposed-budget-cuts-potential-impact-to-parentcarers-and-their-families/>

Letters and Sounds

Ella Thomas our Literacy Co-Ordinator will be leading an information session on letters and sounds. This will give parents the opportunity to learn about how letters and sounds is taught in school. Ella will be bringing some of the resources we use in lessons for letters and sounds.

It will also give parents/carers ideas for activities at home, to support the children's learning within school.

Our Learning Mentor, Helen Parry, is also available and members of school staff will be popping in and introducing themselves.

Our coffee mornings are a friendly, informal occasion where you can call in, have a drink and a cake/biscuits (on us!) and a friendly chat. We'd love to see some new faces so please pop in if you can.

Miss Blease is Retiring

It seems strange so early into the New Year to be saying a very sad farewell to one of our Therapy Teaching Assistants Miss Blease.

Miss Blease is retiring after nearly 16 years working at Haughton. We wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

The staff and children will be saying their farewells to Miss Blease next week as her last day with us is Wednesday 27th January.

Miss Blease will be greatly missed by us all and we thank her for her hard work, commitment and dedication over the years and the influence that she has had on the lives and learning of the Haughton children, both past and present.

