

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Dear Parents,

**Welcome to the New Year - Ref. Bad Weather, Calendar Dates**

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you a successful, healthy and prosperous New Year and would like to thank you once again for all of your efforts in ensuring that our pupils are so smartly turned out at the beginning of this term.

The current inclement weather is set to continue during the next few days and if the weather forecast is correct, it is due to get worse with snow on the way. Any decision to close the school is not taken lightly and is done in consultation with the Chair of Governors, taking into account the advice that is available to the school at the time.

In view of the current forecast for the next few days, I would like to remind you of the procedures currently in place to inform you that the school may be closed because of severe weather conditions.

- Local Radio is informed at the earliest opportunity if we are closed and they are requested to announce it to their listeners as soon as possible (and on their website). *Heart (formerly Chiltern) and Three Counties are notified of emergency closures.*
- The Local Authority is also informed of any closure and they will update their website in due course.
- We will endeavour to send a text message to parents on their mobile phone.
- Our own website is updated at the very earliest opportunity and you may wish to ensure that you are getting the most up-to-date news by clicking your browser's 'Refresh' button; or you may only see what remains in your computer's cache from a previous visit.
- We will try and 'man the phone' as soon as we possibly can - if staff can reach the school.

With the cold weather continuing, please ensure that your child has warm clothing with them and coats are not left in school when they are also needed for the journey home!

You may remember from our Newsletter that we will be holding a Book Fair from Jan 27<sup>th</sup>+ and a **SATs Parents' Information Evening on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January (*for parents only*)** to give Yr6 parents an early opportunity to gain as much information as possible regarding the forthcoming testing arrangements, at the end of Key Stage 2 in May.

I would also like to remind you of the **Parents' Evenings** due to take place this term (**weather permitting**):

- Year 5 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 5.30 – 8.30pm
- Year 6 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 5.30 – 8.30pm
- Year 7 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 5.30 – 8.30pm
- Year 8 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 5.30 – 8.30pm

Don't forget that full details of term dates, SATs timetable, past ECHO, Interactive Learning, etc. are on our website ([www.etonbury.com](http://www.etonbury.com)). Please do not hesitate to contact your **child's form tutor** or other colleagues if there are any issues of concern during this term (you do not have to wait until the parents' evening).

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher