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**Believe and Achieve**

## Snow

Thank you for the kind comments about school remaining open last Monday when many of our local schools chose to shut.

We wouldn't have missed our giant snow balling fight for anything. 170 pupils all on the field throwing snowballs is what memories are made of.



As most of you will already be aware it is always the schools intention to stay open, as we have done on many previous occasions. However, I am sure you appreciate that with staff living all around the county, sometimes this might not be possible.

If the school is going to be shut there are numerous ways to find out up to date information.

1. A Parent mail message will be sent as soon as a decision has been made to close. Please ensure we have your most up-to-date details.
2. The website will have a message on the home page.
3. With all these different ways of finding out, **please only contact the school by phone if you are unable to access the information any other way.**

If in any doubt, accompany your child to school where there will be staff at the entrance to inform you if the school is closed.

**Remember the INSET day on Friday 12th February has been cancelled. The Friday will now be a normal day that pupils come to school on.**



**GOLD AWARD**



## Nursery Places 2021/22

Our very popular nursery, which has an excellent reputation, is finalising applications for September. We admit children in the Autumn term after their third birthday. We provide 15 hours care in either morning or afternoon sessions. In addition, since September 2017, we are able to offer 30 hour free provision for parents who are eligible for this funding. In brief, the free full-time provision is for working parents who both earn more than approximately £150 a week. For single parents it is just the one parent who needs to be earning. For more information please refer to: [www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare).

In recent years the school has spent nearly £200,000 on the facilities which makes the Nursery a very special place for children to start their learning journey. If you require more information or an application form please visit the office. We are also accepting forms for 2022, so please do not delay.



## Key Workers

Thank you again for all your support

Please remember if you are a Key Worker and have an extended break from work, then your child should not be coming into school.

Numbers in school are significantly higher than the first lockdown. Please reflect if you are a key worker whether your child needs to be in school.

**Please support the staff and the wider school community by only sending your child in if it is a necessity. Thank You**

## Silver Lining?

One of the most positive things that have come out of this awful lockdown is the desire from pupils and families at home to want to learn and still be part of the school, even though restrictions mean it has to be done remotely. In some year groups over 80% of pupils are attending live lessons or completing paper copies. 70% of pupils have watched a Mr P assembly or the Superhero Assemblies. This is truly wonderful. However, what concerns me, is the 20% of pupils who are not regularly engaging. These are challenging times but we are here to help. If you can not get your child motivated or involved, please let us know and we will see what we can do.

Stay Safe Mr P