



# Newsletter February 2015



Dear Parents/Carers

Please find below important information:

## Arrangements in Poor Weather

As you are aware, we recently suffered severe weather conditions in Tow Law and, although our school remained open, attendance was extremely poor. Therefore, I should like to clarify with you our school's procedures should we have to close the school in the case of bad weather and also our stance on attendance should the school remain open to pupils.

If the decision is made to close the school, we will firstly submit information of the closure to the Durham County Council website. Parents may access this by logging onto the website at [www.durham.gov.uk](http://www.durham.gov.uk) and choosing the following options:

- Schools and Education
- Temporary school closures

Please scroll down to find out if our school is listed.

Secondly, we will send the information out by text. It is very important that we have an **up-to-date** mobile number for you in order for you to receive our information bulletins. It is **your responsibility** to keep the school informed of such changes. Please call the Office immediately should you not be receiving our texts and we will update your contact details.

Thirdly, we will inform *BBC Radio Newcastle* of our closure in the case of bad weather.

If the weather is bad but the school remains open, the following applies (taken from The Department for Education and Skills (DfES) Guidance:

- pupils who do not live within walking distance and are unable to attend school because of the weather conditions, ie those who travel in a taxi, will be given a "Y" code, which means "Unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances". This will not affect their overall attendance figure;
- pupils who live in Tow Law and are able to walk to school but do not attend will be given an *unauthorised* absence.

It is therefore expected that, unless there are exceptional circumstances, all pupils within walking distance should attend school.

If the weather is particularly bad, can parents send a change of clothes/shoes with your child that they can change into once in school.



## **Classroom Organisation**

The classroom organisation until the Easter break will be as follows:

Class 1	(Y5/Y6)	-	Ms Mawson	19
Class 2	(Y4/Y5)	-	Mr Hawman	19
Class 3	(Y3/Y4)	-	Mr Hill	21
Class 4	(Y1/Y2)	-	Miss Dobson	24
Class 5	(Nursery/Reception)	-	Mrs Turner/Mrs Bradford	15 R / 13 N

Total on role    **98**

## **Celebrations Assembly**

Our Celebrations Assembly, including Class 2's Assembly which was cancelled last week, will be taking place on **Friday 13 February at 2.30 pm**. A raffle is also included and please find attached two strips of raffle tickets at 50p per strip. If you wish to enter the raffle, please return these, with the payment, to the School Office with your name on the back of each ticket. Further tickets will be available to buy on the door. The draw will be held at the end of assembly.

If anyone has any donations for the raffle, these would be gratefully received.

## **School Uniform**

We will be having a sale of old school uniform stock prior to Celebrations Assembly.

## **50's Club**

We will also be holding the usual "50's Club" draw during Celebrations Assembly. If you are part of the Club, can you ensure you give your subs to Lisa Croft before Friday should you wish to be entered.

## **Sainsburys Vouchers**

We are now collecting Sainsburys vouchers. If you have any of these, could you please hand them in to the School Office.

**Finally, we break for half term on Friday 13 February and will be returning to school on Monday 23 February. Have a good break!**

**Lisa Jackson  
Headteacher**