



Hardwick Community Primary School Newsletter

13th January 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians

Happy New Year! As it's January we thought we ought to remind you all of our snow drill – please see below. Hopefully we won't need to follow it, but it's better to be forewarned and wise before the event, rather than after it. We will probably be fine and continue to have a mildish, rainy, and grey January and February.

We'd also like to thank those who responded to the consultation regarding a possible name change for the school. All your views are being carefully considered by the governing body and we will inform everyone of any decisions they reach in due course.

We hope to launch in the very near future our new and much improved website! We'll let you know as soon as it's up and running, hopefully by the end of the month. A more detailed newsletter with news from each team will be out in a couple of weeks. Please also can we remind you that the school is closed next Monday (19th) for a staff training day.

Ruth French and Andy Matthews (Co-headteachers)

Snow Drill for snow in the mornings.

- Arrange possible emergency child-care if the forecast looks grim the evening before.
- In the mornings listen to Radio Cambridgeshire to see if the school is closed. It does take a while for us to get through to the radio station though.
- OR phone Parent line on 08447 707576, school code 47546. We will put a message on there as soon as we have made a decision when we see what the weather is like in the morning. Please don't try to phone the line before 8.00, as it is unlikely we'll be putting on a message before then as it does take us a while to find out both local conditions and also how many staff are able to get into school, and we have to bear in mind how the weather conditions might change during the day from the morning forecasts.
- OR Check the school website – www.hardwickprimary.co.uk - again, this takes us a little while to update, so check after 8.
- We are also on Twitter, you can follow us at **@HardwickHead** (you need to put in the capital letters). Twitter is free, parentline costs you quite a bit, so signing up to Twitter if you haven't already done so might be a good idea!
- As a last resort, phone the school, but please use one of the other options above if you can.

Heavy snow during the school day.

This is always a bit of headache! We not only have to make sure we can get all the children home, we also have to make sure everyone else isn't stuck here all night too. If you see it's absolutely chucking it down and it looks like persisting for several hours and you'd just rather come and pick up your child, you can do so, however, it might not settle or last too long, so don't panic at the first sight of a bit of heavy snow. However if you live in Cambourne or another village and aren't within walking distance it might be wise! Please come to the school office.

If we do decide to completely close the school we will put that information out on all the means of communication above. If possible we will always try and keep open until lunchtime, otherwise all the school dinners go to waste! If you are going to pick up someone else's child as well as your own can you please also get them to phone us to confirm this? We can't let children disappear with someone else without permission. We also attempt to rearrange the Cambourne bus and taxi runs for earlier, but again, this can be tricky and we need to contact everyone to let them know the children will be dropped off earlier.

Please note the diary dates for this term so far.

More dates will be added in the coming weeks.

January

19th Training day—School closed

February

4th Y3/4 Wild West dressing up day

Week of 9th Book week and Parent Consultations

Half term 16th—20th Feb

March

24th 2.00 pm Y3/4 production

25th 7.00 pm Y3/4 production

27th Last day of term

Term Dates 2014-15

Spring Term 2015

Training Day: Monday 19th January

Half Term: 16th- 20th February

Ends: Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2015

Begins: Monday 13th April

May Day: Monday 4th May

Half Term: 25th-29^h May

Ends: Tuesday 21st July

Training Day: Wednesday 22nd July