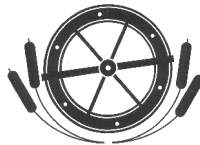


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Dear Parents,

I am sorry for any inconvenience caused by the closure of the school over the last two days. I had hoped to keep the school open but unfortunately due to the deteriorating weather, the difficult road conditions and the inability of some staff to get to the school we had to close the school.

A reminder that if there is a necessity to close the school again, Dorset Education Authority has made arrangements with local radio stations to broadcast emergency information regarding school closures. These include BBC Radio Solent (FM96.1 or MW999) and 2CR (FM102.3). The radio stations have asked schools to remind parents not to phone them directly, but to listen for announcements.

Recently, Andrew and Noemi from Year 4 represented the school at a conference looking at rights, respect and responsibilities as part of our work towards achieving Rights Respecting School Status. The children were super ambassadors for Rushcombe and a credit to the school. We look forward to sharing more of this work with you over the coming year.

The Life Education Mobile Classroom will be based at the school from Thursday of this week for three school days. All our children will have the opportunity to visit the Life Education Mobile Classroom as part of our personal social health education programme with a focus on developing healthy lifestyles. There will be an opportunity for parents to attend an information session on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 pm. If you are interested, please advise the school office. Places are limited to 20 people for the session and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Next week, our Year 2 children will be visiting Athelhampton House as part of their topic learning. Both Year 3 and Year 4 children will be having visitors to enrich their learning about Ancient Egypt and India.

### **Road Safety and Car Parking**

In recent years, feedback to the governing body from parents and visitors about the car parking area has been an area of concern. Following discussions and advice from different agencies including Dorset Highways, Dorset Works have recently completed new markings and created parking bays in the car park area. Unfortunately the school did not receive advance notice of the works and were unable to give you prior notice and apologise for this. We would appreciate those parents who drive their children to and from school, to consider the safety of other children, parents and neighbours whilst using the car park and the surrounding area. The school would also encourage you to drive slowly in the car park area and to be aware of all pedestrians. Your support and cooperation in keeping our school environment a safe place to be for everyone at these busy times is much appreciated.

### **Friends of Rushcombe**

Unfortunately due to the closure of the school the Friends of Rushcombe First School AGM scheduled for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February had to be postponed. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. The Friends are hoping to reschedule soon and further information will follow in due course. Later in the term, the Friends are planning to host a Spring Shopping Event on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March between 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm. A wide range of stalls will be available, including an unwanted gifts stall and we would appreciate any donations nearer the time. All are welcome to attend and further information will follow soon.

### **Staff News**

Congratulations to Mrs Webb, one of our Year 3 teachers, who is expecting a baby in the summer. She is anticipating commencing maternity leave in June and she will continue to teach her class until the end of May. The school will keep you fully informed over the next few months of arrangements for the Year 3 class.

### **Year 4 Celebration Assemblies**

A reminder, that all parents with children in Year 4 are invited to attend their child's celebration assembly in February. Mrs Russell's class assembly will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and Mrs Ely's and Mrs Hill's class assembly will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Both assemblies will take place in the school hall and entry will be through the main office at 2.30 pm. Regrettably, due to limited space, these assemblies are for parents only.

Further details of other events and activities will follow during the term.

A reminder that the half term break begins on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February and I look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. I hope you all have a good half term break.

Yours sincerely,

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