

Reedley Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Bell



Friday 30th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Events at Reedley

- Year 4 visited the cinema to watch a film last week.
- A group of girls from Y5 and Y6 took part in a girls' football competition on Wednesday at Fisher Moore School. They drew two matches and lost one. Well done girls for battling against the high winds and rain! Miss Price-Hunt and Mr Pye were very impressed with the determination shown.

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all the families who sent in donations for the Shoe Box appeal for 'Operation Christmas Child'.

Hometime for Year 4

Parents of children in Year 4 will have noticed that we have used a different procedure for dismissing the children if the weather is poor. Under these circumstances, the children will be taken to the shelter and can be collected from there.

As with all of our children, please do not take your child without a member of staff giving your child permission to go. Some parents have encouraged their child to go to them without a staff member's knowledge and then we are concerned for that child's whereabouts. Please wait until they are in the shelter before taking your child. We will dismiss them as soon as we can, but safety has to be our priority.

If the weather is fine, the usual arrangements will apply.

Icy weather

As the school is so high up, you will be aware that we suffer with ground-frost throughout the colder months. We always assess the situation before opening the playground gates and if we feel that it is too dangerous for parents and children to walk across the playground, we will put an alternative plan in place, as happened on Thursday last week. This may involve you leaving your child at the door in the playground or it may involve parents dropping their child at the green pedestrian gate, to reduce the amount of people using the path. We may also ask you to use the school driveway as an alternative route.

It is vital that you follow any advice given by the staff on these occasions, as we are responsible for the safety of everyone who goes through our gates.

The decisions are taken based on the coverage of the frost, how slippery the ice is and the number of people using each path. Families were very supportive last year and followed the advice given. Our older children were also very supportive and helped to take younger children to their classrooms.

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Snowy weather

If we are unlucky enough to get bad snow this winter, we do all we can to keep the school open. Any decision we take is again, based on safety. If you wake up to snow and think school may be closed, you need to check your phone as we will text you any messages. For this reason, you must ensure that we always have your updated phone number and email. Please install school app and you must log in as parent to receive notifications. We would aim to get any messages regarding school closure out to you by 7.30am.

Parking

I have witnessed a number of dangerous manoeuvres from drivers recently, especially around the entrance to Reedfield. I have even witnessed drivers almost knocking over their own children as they get out of the car and walk round the front or back of the car to cross the road. I cannot emphasise enough how vital it is that the safety of all of our children should come before the convenience of the driver. I understand that parking is limited, and I suggest that you park up safely and legally, and then escort your children to and from the school gate, to ensure that they are safe at all times.

Punctuality

This week we have lost 5 hours 11 minutes because children have been arriving at school after 8.50am.

Upcoming Events:

- Friday 7th December - Non-uniform day. Children asked to bring a **chocolate donation** into school.
- Thursday 13th December – Winter themed school fair 3.45pm – 5.00pm
- Monday 17th December – Reception class/Year 1 Nativity show at 1.30pm (tickets are limited and available from Reception/Year 1 classteachers)
- Wednesday 19th December -Reception class/Year 1 Nativity show at 9.30 am (tickets are limited and available from Reception/Year 1 classteachers)
- Wednesday 19th December – School Christmas dinner
- Thursday 20th December – School closes at 3.30pm and closes for the Christmas break. Children invited to wear winter/Christmas themed clothes or party clothes in return for a **£1 donation** to school.
- Tuesday 8th January - Children return to school after the Christmas break.

Thank you for your support,
Sarah Bell
Headteacher