Dear Parents and Carers, 18th February 2022

Thank you so much for your wonderful co-operation and support with the difficult decision we had to make this morning in closing the school. I am fully aware that this will have caused a number of you some unexpected inconvenience, but it had to be the right decision in the light of the Red weather warning for our area, which became clear overnight. It is never an easy decision to close the school for a day and all we can do in such situations is to follow the advice and guidance we are given. Although we took the decision to close the school very early this morning, the direct advice from WSCC then followed so we were clearly following the guidance given to us. Once again I would like to thank parents and carers for your support in keeping the children and the community as safe as possible.

As a result of the school closure today, we have been unable to celebrate the final Collective Worship of the term, planned by Year 1 and 5 and also unable to give out our ‘Pupil of the Half Term’ awards. We are really sorry about this, but we will look to give out the awards on the first Friday back to school and we will also look to re-arrange the special Collective Worship celebrations, as soon as we can after the half-term break.

**Next half term begins on Monday 28th February 2022** and teachers are already planning for the learning the children will undertake as we begin the new half term. Going forward we will not be putting the details of each week’s learning in the Newsletter. Instead we will be directing parents to the website where you will find all of the learning for the remainder of the spring term. These can be found by going to the ‘Curriculum’ tab of the website then go to ‘Year Group Information’ and just look at the year group of the class your children are in. That will give you all of the information you need for the learning the children will undertake over the coming weeks. Please do give us some feedback about the information you are getting and then we can continue to improve this going forward.

**Parent Consultation Evenings:** These will be held during the week beginning March 7th. Although most meetings will be held on Tuesday 8th March and Thursday 10th March some teachers will be holding their meetings at slightly different times due to family commitments. Please do look carefully at the available times when you log onto Eschools to book your appointment. These will be available from Tuesday 1st March. On Friday 3rd March you will receive your child’s updated school report which will form the basis of your discussions together. We trust that you will find these helpful. For Morpurgo and Blackman Classes, there will be no parent consultations at this time, due to the fact that these have very recently been held.

Thank you again for all of your support over this challenging half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 28th February. Have a lovely half term together.

With best wishes

Joy Waelend

Co-Headteacher