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Dear Parents,

Well! That proved to be an interesting week! Looking at the forecast, I see that next week may be a repeat, with snow currently forecast on Monday. E-letter subscribers will automatically receive an email in the event of closure and the website will also be updated. I make the decision as soon as is possible, but one of the crucial factors is the number of available teachers, which is sometimes difficult to know until after they have set out on their journey. If at all possible, use the website or email service rather than telephone into school as it's easier to communicate with a wider audience that way. Whilst we may be open, you may be not be able to get to us. If you judge it to be unsafe, don't risk it but let us know your child(ren) won't be joining us.

When we are open and there's snow on the ground, please send your child with wellies. Around 30 children looked disappointed this week when they watched all the others going off to build snowmen. If we do get more next week, we won't be heading outside during lesson time but children may well be in the snow at play and lunchtimes; wellies, warm coats and gloves are essentials.

Getting back up to full speed on Wednesday was greatly assisted by over 70 dads turning out for **Bring Your Dad to School Day**. There's no doubting the children had a great time and dads were liberally shared around so that everyone had a turn and we hope that all those who stayed on for lunch afterwards eventually found their way home. Mums! On 20th March it's Mothers' Day Special – how about something at lunchtime as well?

Travelling Books will be open for business on Tuesday and Thursday next week immediately after school and during parent consultations as well on Wednesday after school in the computer suite. It's a great opportunity to browse through a really good selection and the commission received by the school will go straight to providing new books for the children's library.

Tickets for the **Village Quiz** on Friday, 6 March in the Village Hall are now available in the school office. For a mere £7.50 per person you get a Ploughman's Supper and the opportunity to display your team's combined knowledge in what is sure to be a lively evening. Teams from the whole community will be taking part, so let's get a few teams from the school together.

School term **dates** are now available on the website through until September 2010 to assist you in your forward planning. A paper copy is also available in the school office.

Next week sees **parent consultations** and your child should be bringing home a vital slip of paper telling you what time your appointment will be. When you arrive in school, charming and smiling children from Year 6 will be there to greet you, supply you with copious quantities of tea and coffee and show you to your child's classroom at the allotted time. Please try to be punctual – it only takes one appointment to run late early on in the evening for sheer carnage on the timetable.

I look forward to seeing you all next week,

Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

