



PURLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Severe Weather – be prepared!

January 2016

Following on from a very mild autumn, winter is approaching - we could get some snow at some point during the next few weeks which will be great fun for the children!!

You will be informed by text if the school is closed. It will also be advertised on local radio (BBC Berkshire, Heart and 107 Jack FM). Should you need to check, we will also post updates on the website (www.purleyprimaryschool.co.uk) and Facebook. If you do not hear from us, the school is open.

The decision to open or close the school is not an easy one to take. We consider the safety of the children both in the snow conditions and whether we have enough staff to look after them. Please bear with us - we make the decision as early as we possibly can.

If snow is forecast,

- It would be advisable to think what you would do for childcare should the worst happen.
- Pack spare clothes in case you child gets wet during the day - highly likely when building snowmen.
- School Lunches: we may not be able to get the school dinners delivered from Pangbourne so it would be worth sending your child with a packed lunch for that day.
- If it continues to snow during the school day check your phone messages and school website as a decision might be taken to close due to concern that conditions will worsen during the day and school is not the best holiday camp to stay in!



- Access to the school will be via the front gate. We will make sure a path has been gritted all the way to the front doors. The back gate will be kept shut. Children should come straight into school and remove their boots at the door. They can then swap their boots for normal school shoes or pumps.
- To keep the school open, the start of the day **may** be delayed to 10.00am to enable staff and children time to travel safely.
- It is unlikely that cars will be able to use the roads near the school. Children and parents should walk to school. The children will have great fun playing in the snow on the way to school!

VOLUNTEERS FOR SNOW CLEARING!

As you are aware there are a lot of paths to clear and we would very much like to have a bank of willing volunteers who would kindly come into school and shovel snow to clear paths. This might be at a weekend or if the school has had to close, during the week. If you would like your name added please cut out the form below and return it to the school office. All your help is very much appreciated!



Snow Clearing Volunteer

Name _____ Home Tel No: _____

Mobile: _____ I confirm that I am fit for purpose

Signature _____