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Dear Parents, the snow forced us to close several times last week and apologies for having to do this. We are well aware of the child care problems it can cause working parents but we must put the health and safety of your children first. The decision to open or close a school is down to the head teacher but I do consult other colleagues before making the decision and there are basically 4 things to bear in mind:

1. Will children be able to get to school?
2. Will they be able to get home again?
3. Is the school site itself safe?
4. Can the staff get to school?

Accurate weather forecasting becomes all the more important and we also try to make a decision either way as early as possible so everybody knows what they are doing. Each school will have it's own unique set of circumstances which is probably why all the responsibility lies with the head teacher. However I personally think it would be helpful in certain circumstances for Barnsley Local Authority to make a decision about whether its schools should be open or be closed and this happened in Bradford and Surrey last week when all schools in those counties were closed.

We do put an announcement on the 'emergency bulletins' box on our home page and also email Dearne FM who are very helpful and prompt in announcing school closures. So in the event of future possible closures the first port of call would be to check the school website and also the Dearne FM site.

One good thing however to come out of all this is that many children were able to go out and enjoy sledding and making snowmen with their families and friends and opportunities to do these things don't come round too often.

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Official Opening : There will be a write up of this event in the next newsletter but it should be a great event for the school.

Half Term : A reminder to everyone that school closes this Friday 13th at 3.30 p.m. for the half term holidays and re-opens on Monday 23rd February. We hope you all have an enjoyable break and who knows, it might even snow!

Well done! : Many staff have commented on how well behaved your children were last week in school when they were not allowed outside due to the weather and icy playground. They were a real credit to their families so very well done.

Thought For The Week

'Kindness is like snow.
It beautifies everything it covers...'

