



MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL – Spring Term 2009

Website: [www.miltonprimary.co.uk](http://www.miltonprimary.co.uk)

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Dear Parents/carers

**A very 'Happy New Year' to everyone;** I hope you all enjoyed the festive season and that the children are fit, healthy and ready for a new term. It is the shortest term of the year but as you can see from the dates attached we still have several special activities and visitors enriching the curriculum for the children. Y5 will be undertaking a residential trip to Burwell House and we can also look forward to the Y3/4 production in March. Please note that on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January we will be holding our popular 'French Cafe' in the school hall, so please feel welcome to call in for a croissant or crepe and give your child a chance to try out his/her French. **M. Hicks would be grateful for some help from French speaking parents.**

I am sure everyone is pleased that the 'park and ride' road works seem to have finally been completed; they did impact on the punctuality of some of the children. Whilst we appreciate that all families have occasional 'difficult' mornings it is important that children arrive at school on time. Children who are late do not have a calm start to the day and often miss important information. The whole class is affected by late arrivals who disrupt early morning routines. The Education Welfare Officer will be in school to monitor the registers for attendance and lateness.

A teacher is on duty on each playground from 8.45am. Children should not need to come into school before the bell rings.

Mr Brown, the school caretaker will salt the playgrounds and paths on slippery mornings. The boat in the KS1 playground can become dangerous in bad weather so **until further notice children are not allowed to climb on the boat before school.** Please reinforce this safety rule with your child.

#### **School Closure due to Bad Weather Conditions.**

As bad weather may occur during the next two months I thought it important to remind you of the procedure for notifying parents of the closure of the school.

- It takes time to establish how bad the roads are with all the members of staff and whether they are likely to be able to get in. No decision will be made before 8.00 am.
- Notice of closure will be given to Radio Cambridgeshire, so if closures are taking place, this is the station to listen to. Judging from last year, there is likely to be a delay before they announce it.
- A notice of closure will be posted on our school website. **You will need to 'refresh' the page to ensure up to the minute information.**
- If possible, we will keep the school open but you should be aware that several members of staff live a distance from Milton.
- If weather conditions are poor and you are unsure if we will be open, please do not send your child to school unaccompanied.

In the event of snow children would only be allowed out to play if they were wearing waterproof boots.

#### **Parent/Teacher Consultations**

Parent/teacher consultations will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February. As this is a particularly important term for Y6, we will be allocating 15-minute appointments for parents. Please make sure you sign up for an appointment on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January in KS1 hall.

### **Children's Clothing**

At the end of term there was a considerable amount of unnamed lost property. Please can you check that your child's clothing is clearly named; labels do fade in the wash. Please also check that your child has brought home his/her own uniform, it is very easy for it to become muddled and parents are rightly concerned when their child's named clothing is lost. Thank you.

At the end of term staff were concerned that a number of children were coming to school without coats. I appreciate that those travelling in cars may not always be aware of the temperature but the playgrounds at lunchtime can be very cold and children **MUST** have coats to wear.

### **Relief Mid-day Supervisor**

We are looking to appoint a relief mid-day supervisor who would have the flexibility to cover the occasional absence of other lunch time staff. Mid-day supervisors work from 12.15 – 1.30 term time only. Experience of working with groups of children would be an advantage. A full CRB would be required. Please contact the office for further details.

The children will be bringing home class newsletters this week. These outline the year group curriculum for the term. We hope you find them useful.

**Yours sincerely**

**S J Dorrington**  
Head Teacher

### **PROPOSED CHANGE OF STATUS**

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Impington Village College intends to make a prescribed alteration to Impington Village College (Community) New Road Impington Cambridge CB24 9LX. The proposed alteration is to Change School Category from Community to Foundation from 01 September 2009.

The governors of Impington Village College wish to change the status of the College because: it will give the governors, staff, students, parents and community a greater sense of ownership and independence; it will increase the College's ability to work with other schools and organisations to offer the widest possible range of learning opportunities to all students; and it will enhance the ability of the College to work with the local community in fulfilling Henry Morris's vision of lifelong learning.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: the College Website (<http://www.impington.cambs.sch.uk>) or from the Clerk to the Governors by application in writing.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Martin Rigby Chair of Governors Impington Village College New Road Impington Cambridge CB24 9LX



Signed:

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