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Dear Parents

This week we saw some extreme icy conditions around our local area. The school was particularly affected. Please take note of the most recent snow and ice plan below, giving details of the procedures that are put in place during such occurrences.

Snow and Ice Plan

The aim of the plan is to help the whole community to be aware of what precautions we will put in place should we have a period of severe weather. Athelstan School is a very large site and has three entrances. It may be necessary to close some entrances if conditions are bad. Parents will be advised accordingly.

Where possible, we will try to keep school open. However, with a number of our staff currently commuting up to an 50 minutes to reach school, this decision will be heavily influenced by the road conditions and whether enough staff can get to school to enable us to fulfil our legal supervision ratios.

Should the school need to be closed or opened late to due to extreme weather conditions you will be informed via three different methods of communication:

- a text message will be sent from the school
- the school website
- the North Yorkshire County Council website – following links for 'school closures'

It may be necessary to have a slighter later opening time in order to allow school staff to make the site safe to access. Parents will be notified by text message

When the ground is covered in snow and/or ice and the school is open the following safety precautions will be taken:

1. The gates providing access to the large playground will remain closed.
2. Parents will be asked to bring children directly into school through the main entrance
and/or
3. Access into school will be possible via the Rose Avenue entrance (old main entrance).
4. A direct path from the front gate to the entrance to the school will be cleared and salt/grit laid.

At the end of the school day the SMT will determine the best exit route for pupils and will text parents to advise. This may mean closing entrances that are more affected. Please be aware that the Rose Avenue and the road into school are **not gritted** by the local council so please be cautious of the road conditions when driving. All parents should follow directions based on the control measures in place.

KS2 Carol Service

The KS2 Christmas Carol Service will take place on Thursday 21st December at 2pm. Doors will open at 1.45pm. No tickets are required for this event.

Parties are taking place at school next week and we will be looking forward to a visit from Father Christmas. Please see below with the date of your child's party. Please speak to your child's class teacher for more information

| Year Group | Date | Information |
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| 3 | Tuesday am | Children can come to school in party clothes |
| 1 | Wednesday am | Children can come to school in party clothes |
| Mrs Barton/Miss Town | Wednesday pm | Children can come to school in party clothes |
| Sunshines/Puddles | Thursday am | Children can come to school in party clothes |
| Year 2 | Friday pm | Children can come to school in party clothes |
| Mr Ivel/Mr Tucker | Friday am | Children can come to school in party clothes |

Food bank appeal

Just a reminder that the school will be accepting donations of food and toiletries for the food bank up until and including Monday 18th December so please consider picking up an extra item of shopping this weekend to donate.

Suggestions for donations include tinned fruit, UHT milk, cereal, pasta, teabags, tinned food, jarred food and toiletries. Please bring any items to the main school office. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Christmas Dinner

A very big thank you to the school catering team for a lovely Christmas lunch today.

**School closes on Friday December
22nd and re-opens on
Tuesday January 9th 2018**