

Dear Parents and Friends

Please respect the school's wishes that the **car park** is used solely for Staff, official visitors and school transport. I know it's tempting but there are many reasons why we ask you not to use it. It is not a public car park and you are on private property without permission and therefore uninsured. The children are simply not allowed to use the car park as it's a very dangerous place, and some parents and grandparents are setting a very bad example to them. I know from experience just how careless and invisible children can be. For the sake of your child please park on the road and walk. It's a lot healthier for all of us and especially the children. I would not wish to pass on registration numbers to our solicitors, but as this is a health and safety issue I will. If you or your child has a disabled badge please let me know.... that's different!

Reminders about **holidays and four INSET** days.....school is closed on the following days  
16<sup>th</sup> Feb to 25<sup>th</sup> inclusive  
20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March inclusive  
5<sup>th</sup> April to 20<sup>th</sup> April inclusive  
5<sup>th</sup> May  
24<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June inclusive

Very soon the security system will be fitted to the **front door and the inner door**. Please remember this is not to be used for access to the classrooms. It is for your child's protection. Please come to the office that way, but not to or from the classrooms. The **gazebo** is brilliant I've been told. We are encouraging all the children to respect it as a place to sit, read and talk to teach other, not climb or play about. I hope you enjoy engaging in some deep rooted philosophical conversation at the end of the day, but at least if it's raining you'll be dry when you do.

In accordance with our **healthy schools status** we have changed the mid-morning snack to fruit only. At the moment a wide range of other bits and pieces are creeping in, so please spare your child and us any embarrassment by providing fruit only. If your child is interested in **drumming lessons** after school on Tuesdays please see me. There is a small charge for the tutor but it's great fun.

**Football for key stage 1 after half term.** Teamtheme are going to be offering football coaching for five weeks during February (starting the first Thursday back) and March. There will be a charge as it's a business, but I can vouch for them! They're good. Flyers will come out after half term on the Tuesday. Congratulations to our **netball team** yet again... unbeaten so far, and against much bigger schools. Heathfield are also beating all comers as well, and apart from one team member all of them are ex-pupils. Well done children (and Jacqui Hooley, Tina Collins and Chris Kamin for coaching them)

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