



### Emergency closure and text message alerts

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January I made the very difficult decision to close school for the day. Conditions were felt to be so treacherous that safe travel to and from school could not be guaranteed for children, parents and staff. While these serious health and safety concerns justified the decision, I would nevertheless like to take this opportunity to apologise for any inconvenience that this may have caused. I did not take this decision lightly and made this decision as early as was reasonably possible – as a parent myself I know all too well how difficult it can be to make childcare arrangements at very short notice.

We used our text messaging service to inform parents of the school closure, and this worked well for the large majority of you. I have already apologised to those parents who did not receive the message, and in each case I believe that we have now amended the system to ensure that all subsequent messages will reach those people. **If you did not received a text message to inform you of the school closure, and have not subsequently received a text message from school to confirm that the system now works, please contact the school office as soon as possible.** Many thanks, Mr McIntosh.

### Young Voices Concert

Several members of our choir are attending the Young Voices Concert at Manchester Arena this evening. We are all excited for this event! We expect our coach back to school at **10:30pm**.

### Current House Point Totals

**Webb (Red) = 49      Nelson (Green) = 48**

**Ball (Blue) = 51      Midgley (Yellow) = 52**

### Dates for the Diary

#### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**

Young Voices Concert at Manchester Arena for the School Choir

#### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

CSE Workshop with Eram Khan in the School Library – 9am start

#### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Cartwright class trip to Grosvenor Museum in Chester – children must be in school for 7:45am; coach expected back at 4:30pm.

#### **W/C Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Children's Mental Health Week 2018

### **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE): Upcoming workshops**

Unfortunately the first of these planned workshops had to be cancelled following our recent emergency closure. These confidential sessions will raise awareness of CSE, enable participants to identify abusive or harmful relationships, and help to reduce the number of people who may face harmful situations. **The first session will now take place in the school library at 9am on Wednesday 24th January 2018.** If you would like to attend, or if you have any queries about the content of these confidential sessions, please contact Eram Khan on 07572581017.

### Registration Procedure

A reminder that it is very important that parents telephone school as soon as possible if their child is not going to be well enough to come to school. The office will always be manned from 7.30am onwards. Registration takes place at 8:50am. If a child has not arrived at school by 9.15am, and we have not received a telephone call that informs school of an absence, then someone from the office will use all available contact numbers to establish why your child is not in school.

