Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy half-term and suddenly the weather seemed to have turned in the opposite direction. A sincere thank you to everyone who supported the decision to allow children to leave early on Monday 10th February due to the unannounced snow fall.

Enrichment within the Curriculum:
On the 14th January 2020, we were very proud of our Futsal Football Team who came Runners Up for Amber Valley School Sports.
Swimming provision began in January for Year 5 and 6. After February half-term, our Year 4 and Year 5 will go to Ashbourne Leisure Centre for five sessions.
On Monday 13th January, Mrs Rachel Wilkes County singing teacher from the Music Partnership began a 14 week programme of music with Year 5 and 6. As we are now investing in high quality musical resources we will be planning more programmes for our Lower Key Stage 2 and KS1 pupils.
On 15th January, the Open Centre delivered a workshop on Arabic Art and Calligraphy to our Year 6 pupils.
A Rowing competition at John Flamsteed School saw our team placed 3rd overall against large and small primary schools. It was a very exciting evening and the Tough Rower Day in December certainly inspired many children.
Dodgeball is a favourite with many year groups and Staff were incredibly proud of the performance and sporting behaviour of both the KS1 and Lower KS2 teams who represented our school at Belper Leisure Centre.
Due to the snow our Year 5/6 Team will have their competition rescheduled after February ½ Term.
Act of Collective Worship:
Please join us on Friday 14th February for our Act of Collective Worship in St Michael’s at 2pm. The theme will be: Lead From The Heart. After the service the children will be taken back to school and dismissed for their half-term break.

ParentPay: All parent will have received their details to sign up to Parent Pay. We will be going ‘cashless’ after half term. Please ensure that ALL lunch money, breakfast and afterschool bookings and payments are made through Parent Pay.

E –Safety - Mental Health and Well-Being:
During the week beginning 3rd February the children and staff worked together on issues that create unity and belonging. They have all produced written pieces which our PTA will collect and publish in a small book to raise funds for the school.
We have rescheduled our e-Safety Parent/Carers Workshop for Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 3.15pm. Please come along and we will also feedback on the pupil responses to our e-safety questionnaires which support teaching and learning needs within the area of Personal, Social, Health Education. We have placed support and guidance on our school website for e-Safety and Pupil Mental Health and Well-Being.

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Race and Sponsorship):
Our Traditional Pancake Race will take place on Tuesday 25th February 2020. Each child will represent their House Team. Please see the FOKLS letter. At the end of the event our e-Safety Workshop will take place in Class 4 over in the new building.

Book Week:
During the week beginning 2nd March 2020, the children will be involved in Book Week. The emphasis will be on Reading for Pleasure. We have just had delivery of our new library furniture.
On Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} March all children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character for £1. The money raised will go towards enriching our library with high quality fiction, poetry and non-fiction. A school Book Fair has been organised for the beginning of Parent Consultation Fortnight starting on 16\textsuperscript{th} March 2020.

British Science Week:
On Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} March, the children will be creating their own musical instruments using science, technology and mathematics. A Rolls Royce Grant will support the resources. On Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} March, all children will take part in the Silly Science Workshop across the morning.

We break up for half term on Friday 14\textsuperscript{th} February and return to school on Monday, 24\textsuperscript{th} February.

We wish you a happy half term.

J L Stephenson
Headteacher