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Dear Parent/Carer,

I must admit my start to this new term has been very interesting and challenging with regards to the weather! I can only state that we will always try to keep open and if we do have to shut the announcement will always be on the 2 radio stations which I stated in my first newsletter. (BBC Somerset and Heart FM) There could be a chance we have to close early in which case you would be notified by phone so please make sure we have your up to date contact numbers. If the weather worsens you are very welcome to collect your child early if you wish. Please ring and let the school know of your intentions though. I also urge you to make sure your child has sturdy walking boots or wellingtons and a spare pair of socks so that they can go out to play. This term we will be setting up a text messaging service which should make this sort of communication much easier.

CLUBS

As you will see we have sorted out the clubs for this term and we hope to start next week so please send back the reply slips as soon as possible. Obviously the outside clubs will be reviewed on the day if this weather continues! Thank you.

DATES

Please note the following dates which we have set for this term:

<u>PARENT EVENINGS</u>	Monday March 22 nd Thursday March 25 th
<u>EASTER SERVICE IN CHURCH</u>	Thursday April 1 st

PTA HELP!

I hope you all agree that the PTA is very important in any school. I have now met most of the committee and was surprised to see that there were only a few parents. This is an outstanding school and I am sure that you want it to stay that way. The parent association is VITAL to YOUR child's education as it fundraises to support all sorts of things that go on in the school. Trips, for example, are very important as they enhance children's education and this would not happen without a donation from the PTA. I know from experience that the larger the committee the easier the work is AND it can be good FUN!! PLEASE consider helping out and at least come along to their first meeting on **January 25th at 8pm at The Half Moon in Horsington.** I look forward to meeting you there for a good social evening and sorting out good ways of fund raising for this year. As in any institution we all need to work together, in this case for the sake of your children. Thank you.

THE EDUCATION BUS

The Life Education Mobile Classroom will be visiting the school on Thursday and Friday next week so weather permitting all the children will benefit from this experience. The staff on the bus offer excellent opportunities for the children to explore many different social, health and emotional activities and it has been enjoyed by children and staff in the past.

I do hope that this weather improves soon so that routines can be more normal. Do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any concerns and I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Townson

