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Dear Parents and Carers

Closing a school for even an afternoon is never a decision taken lightly. Throughout last week, the headteachers on the island were in communication, watching the weather forecast and trying to make sure we made the best decision possible.

As pupils were being collected after lunch on Thursday, with not a drop of snow on the ground, we thought the amber weather warning was going to come to nothing. However, just after 2pm the snow started and by 3.20pm, the conditions would have posed a safety concern for pupils and staff travelling home. Thank you for your support in collecting pupils on Thursday and making arrangements on Friday for the whole day closure.

It was great to hear the stories of sledging and snowmen on Monday morning. For many pupils, this was their first experience of proper snow. We are now more than ready for Spring to begin properly!

Best wishes

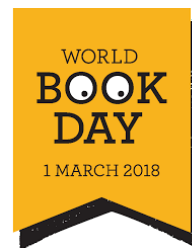
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School Nurse Drop In



The school nurse is coming in on Wednesday 21st March between 1pm and 3pm. Call the office to make a half an hour appointment.

World Book Day



Due to the weather, we had to postpone World Book Day at Mengham. It is now taking place on Monday 12th March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a

book. Please note that this is not a non-uniform day so if the children do not wish to dress as a character, they should come to school in their uniform. Thank you for your support.

Library Visits



As part of World Book Day, each class braved the arctic conditions to visit our local library last week. The library staff took the time to introduce the children to the library system and showed

them how to find the books that they were interested in.

The children also took part in activities so that they could practise what they had learnt. Those with a library card were able to borrow a book of their choice.



Mother's Day Lunch



We welcomed 111 mothers and carers to our special Mother's Day lunch on 7th March. We must thank our marvellous kitchen staff who cooked a phenomenal 190 meals!

We always enjoy our special parents' meals. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us this time.

Dads and male carers will get their chance to come and eat with us on Wednesday 13th June, so look out for the letter nearer the time!



Parents' Evening Booking System

We have had an amazing response to our new parents' evening booking system. Thank you to everyone who has booked their appointment on-line.



School Uniforms

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Just a reminder that we still have uniform in stock. Please ask the office for an order form.

Online Safety Hints

Explore together. The best way to find out what your child is doing online, is to ask them to tell you about what they do and what sites they like to visit. If they're happy to, ask them to show you. Talk to them about being a good friend online.
www.internetmatters.org

FOMS News



We have had a wonderful response to the Mother's Day Gift event. After doing some serious

shopping, we are well prepared for the event this week. We hope that all of the mums and

carers enjoy their gifts and that you all have a restful Mothering Sunday.

Special mention box...for children who have made a special effort in editing their English in class. Each child will receive a head teacher pencil.

Mya Pritchard, Patrik Jagusiak, Chanel Grace, Louis Hunt, Connor Williams, Hazel Chapman, Sam Spies, Caden Hedgcock

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 9 th March 9am	Birch Class assembly **new item**
Friday 9 th March am	Year 5 local geography walk
Friday 9 th March	FOMS Mother's Day Gift Event
Friday 9 th March	Hi 5 beach clean
Friday 16 th March 9am	Willow Class Assembly
Monday 19 th March	Parents' evening
Wednesday 21 st March 1-3pm	School Nurse drop in, call to make an appointment **new item**
Wednesday 21 st March	Parents' evening
Friday 23 rd March	FOMS non uniform day in return for chocolate or £1
Tuesday 27 th March 9am	Year 5 clarinet concert – parents welcome
Thursday 29 th March 9am - 9.45am Year 3/4 10am - 10.45am Year 5/6	End of term Celebration Assembly (by invitation only)
Thursday 29 th March	FOMS Easter Chocolate Lucky Dip (letter to follow)
Thursday 29th March	Last day of Spring term. School ends at 3.20pm
Monday 16th April	First day of Summer term. School starts at 8.45am
Thursday 19 th April **new item**	FOMS Disco (letter to follow)
Friday 20 th April **new item**	Year 3 Sleepover (rescheduled due to the snow)
Friday 27 th April 9am **new item**	Year 3 assembly