



New Christ Church Primary School

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This week at NCC...

A belated welcome back to school and happy New Year!

It's been a challenging start to the new year, but I think we've all coped with the challenges extremely well. Closing a school is never an easy decision, as I realize the impact it has on working parents, but last week it really was the safest thing to do!

Everyone has done really well this week—it's been a hard week for us all.

Thank you for responding so positively to my request to keep Milman Road car free. A very small number of parents chose to still drive down the road in what were extremely dangerous conditions, but most of you heeded my call, despite the inconvenience this presented to you—thank you for this as it really did help us all keep our children safe.

Thank you also to those of you who have kept us up-to-

-date with mobile numbers—the text messages really helped the school communicate directly with you about arrangements for school opening and closure. If you didn't receive texts, then you must let us have your mobile number!

A big thanks to Danny Callcut, who did a great job of updating the school website with messages.

We couldn't have opened on Monday without the tremendous support from a group of staff who managed to get in on Friday and clear snow around the school site. Another band of staff also helped to clear some of the road this week. Snow clearance is not in any of our job descriptions; working together like this demonstrates the level of commitment we have to the school and to your children—many of you have already expressed your gratitude already, which

Ofsted

An early warning for parents—we are expecting our Ofsted inspection at some point this term—as part of this, inspectors will want to know what you think of the school. You always respond so positively to questionnaires etc so I know we can count on your support when the Inspectors arrive. I will, of course, let you know when they're due in school as soon as I know!

has been really appreciated!

Finally, a personal thank you to Angie Godwin. I managed to drive in to school last Thursday and got completely stuck in the car park—Angie, Lana and Melissa came out, helped push and half an hour later, I managed to be back on my way—thanks ladies!

Hopefully, we can get back to normal now. Staff haven't met this week (so they could get home early in these icy conditions) so we are a little behind with our planning for term dates, clubs etc—all key info will be sent home next week. Please bear with us!

Wishing everyone a peaceful, happy and snow-free weekend,

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Congratulations to...

Shirlyn, Kevin and Madhura who have all been in the Top 100 Mathletes in the past few weeks.

Shirlyn and Zara who have completed their current Mathematics course and will move on to the next course.

Kia and Tyler (Y6) who have been joined by new baby sisters—we're delighted for both families and send our very best wishes.

Welcome!

We welcome Casey, Charlie, and Sapphire and their families to NCC, who have coped very well with their first week in primary school.

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