

Dear Parents and Carers,

The country experienced an incredible change in weather this week. The arctic blast called 'Beast from the East' and then 'Storm Emma' led to our school being closed from midday on Wednesday. We take every measure possible to keep our school open because learning in the specialist provision with known routines are so important for our children and young people. The school went through a range of risk assessments and had to close in order to ensure the safety of every pupil and staff member. Thank you for the messages you sent through to check if staff were safe due to travel closures. It is wonderful to feel the strength of our community. We plan to be open on Monday and are looking forward to calmer weather so that pupils can engage in their full timetable across the entire school environment. We will continue to monitor and ensure their well-being as we support their holistic development.



International Wheelchair Day: 1st March 2018

It was the 10th annual International Wheelchair Day yesterday. The day raises awareness of the power of wheelchairs to give increased independence. It is also an important day to highlight the challenges in accessibility across the local community so that changes can be put into place. Senior Members of Transport for London joined members of the public who rely on wheelchairs for their mobility to explore how accessible the Transport for London system is, including the underground tubes. View this video to explore how the day is informing changes for TfL: <https://www.facebook.com/transportforlondon/videos/1748403018549833/>



Happy St. David's Day to those in our community who are celebrating the Welsh culture on this National Day for Wales. St. David's Day was on 1st March, and festivities take place throughout the week. To learn more about St. David's Day visit: <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/uk/st-david-day>



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day: 9th March 2018

Our pupils really enjoy developing their sensory communication, literacy, reading, speaking/listening skills, and creativity through the magical worlds of books and assistive technology.

The snow won't stop us! **We have rescheduled World Book Day to**

Friday, 9th March 2018. Please support by sending your child to school dressed up as their favourite character on Friday. They will be engaging in World Book Day learning activities throughout the day.

Glam Party: Wednesday 21st March 2018

We have also rescheduled the 5th annual Glam Party. Join us on 21st March 2018 from 5-8pm for the School Charity fundraising event. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with other parents and staff. Pupils from the Sixth Form are leading the fundraising event.

Parent Council: Wednesday, 7th March 10:00-11:30

This month's Parent Council meeting is next week. Please feel free to join the council meeting, which is a time for parents to come together to plan projects and learn about updates from the school. The Parent Representative from your class will have updates for you.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday, hopefully with much calmer Spring weather!

Best wishes,

Monika Gaweda, Head of School