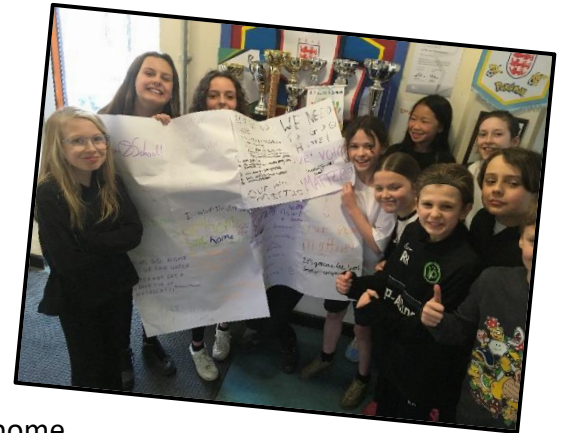




Dear Parents,

As forecast, the snow certainly arrived in abundance at lunchtime yesterday. Even before this, I was being petitioned to close the school by some children in Year 6 who have recently been learning about the power of protest!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their swift response when the decision to close was made. It is never easy timing these things, so we appreciate your cooperation and understanding. I hope too that the children were able to enjoy the snow once at home.



Staffing news

I'm delighted to share that Miss Campbell gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on Sunday 28th January, weighing 5 lb 15 ounces. Miss Campbell, her partner and baby are all doing well.

I'm also pleased to say Mrs Shaw is pregnant and will be starting her maternity leave today. We wish her all the best over the coming months.

Finally, Mrs Behan has taken the decision to leave Bradway and to explore new opportunities and interests. I would like to thank Mrs Behan for her services to the school over the years and wish her all the best for the future.

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

On 7th March we would love the children to dress up to mark World Book Day. They could come as a character from their favourite book, a word that might represent a genre or even something more abstract than that! But most importantly, we don't want this to put families under pressure to purchase elaborate costumes or spend large amounts of precious time making one by hand.

Simple ideas could be a red hair ribbon for 'Matilda', a blue t-shirt and head bandage for 'Mr Bump' or an eye mask for 'Gangsta Granny'. Some may even prefer something more abstract, such as coming dressed as a genre like 'adventure' or 'comedy'. Of course, if your child prefers and would feel more comfortable then they can wear normal clothes.





In addition, please see the attached poster with some suggested half-term activities to help prepare your child for World Book Day. We're also excited to announce we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the main hall from 8.10 - 8.40 am and 3.20 - 4.00 pm on 7th March. More information will follow after half term.

Additional attachments

In addition to this newsletter, please take a look at the additional attachments, which include this term's Sports Newsletter from Mr Cheetham and new on a pre-loved uniform sale.

Brass Instrument Lessons

We would very much like to have brass instrument lessons in school but we are required to have at least 3 children interested. If your child would like to take up a brass instrument please let the office know - we currently have 2 interested children.

Attendance Mini-Series - Wellbeing

It's very normal for a child to feel a bit worried about going to school sometimes and it's important to recognise that coming to school can help children to feel less worried than letting them stay at home. Talk to their teacher if they're worried so we can support you. Talking to a child about their friendships and the subjects they're learning can sometimes help them to open up about what's troubling them. They might be worried about things happening outside of school and we can support you with this too. For most children, the best place to be during term-time is in school, surrounded by the support of their friends and teachers.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful half term. Don't forget, children return to school on **Tuesday 20th February.**

Mr Chris Thomas
Headteacher

