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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a good Christmas break and enjoyed time with family. It was lovely to welcome the pupils back to school this week despite the slight disruption caused by the snow. We have also welcomed back Tas to class 4 who has returned from maternity leave. Sasha who was covering in class 4 has now moved to class 10 and covering Rachel's maternity leave.

Amber Weather Alert

The Met Office has currently placed an amber snow warning for the West Midlands region, effective from 8pm today until 9am tomorrow. We are closely monitoring the weather conditions and want to ensure you are fully informed about our approach.

Key Information:

- An amber snow warning is currently in effect
- We will remain open if our site is safe and operational
- The safety of our pupils and staff remains our absolute priority
- We will communicate any closure decisions as quickly as possible

If we determine that closure is necessary, we will:

1. Send an immediate text message to all registered contacts
2. Update our school website with the closure information
3. Ensure clear communication about the reasons for closure

We understand that unexpected school closures can cause significant disruption to family plans. Please be assured that we will make this decision only if absolutely necessary to ensure the safety of everyone in our school community.

We recommend you:

- Prepare for potential alternative childcare arrangements
- Keep an eye on your mobile messages and our school website
- Check local weather updates

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during these potentially challenging weather conditions.

Parent Council

A reminder that our next parent council meeting is being held on Tuesday 13th January at 9:30. The agenda for the meeting is:

- Communication – feedback from previous meeting
- Car park

Yours sincerely,

E. Hopewell

Elizabeth Hopewell, Headteacher

