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Dear Parent/Carer,

WELCOME to the SPRING TERM - ATTEMPT 2

I would like to say a well done to all the local Midhurst based staff - teachers and TAs who made it to school last Wednesday, even though it would not have been appropriate for children to be here.

I ventured up from Bognor on Thursday with the intention of re-opening the school on Friday but after having to have my car 'rescued' by saintly (also) Ashfield Road residents and seeing the conditions in Midhurst and around the school, thought better of it.



But it was good to see you pouring up the pavement in cheerful droves, this morning. Most children are at school and its good to see them again - for Spring Term part II.

The very bad weather will, hopefully, not return but it is anyway, an appropriate time to remind you of our methods of communicating with you if extreme conditions might lead to closure.

- LOCAL RADIO Each day we informed SPIRIT FM, HEART FM, OCEAN FM and BBC SOUTHERN COUNTIES radio and they announced, at quite regular intervals, all school closures.
- The MPS WEBSITE address: www.midhurst-primary-school.co.uk (or 'Google' Midhurst C of E Primary School). Each closure day we posted an update; 3 closures, then the opening.
- The 'West Sussex Grid for Learning' website. We contact the WSGFL and they post all school closures each day.
- The TELEPHONE - on days 1 and 2 of the closure Mrs Willing and others were manning the phone in the morning (01730 813526).

We are also exploring the possibility of setting up a Texting facility in the future although the cost can be prohibitive for smaller schools.

In the near future you will be receiving the termly letter from your child's classteacher. This will set out the main areas of learning this term so that you can share your childs enthusiasm and give your support.

We will send you a Newsletter within the next fortnight setting out clubs, activities and main events for the term.

In the meantime - stay warm.

Mr K Ford
Headteacher.