



Whole school	<p>Severe weather arrangements - Essex's procedure is that parents/carers should check the Essex.gov.uk website - https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx for school closures. However, to ease communication we will put a notice onto our school website and Facebook as soon as a decision has been made. A text will also be sent to parents/carers. Prior to making a decision, our Site Manager will assess the site and we have to make contact with 24x7, our transport provider. This takes some time but we will endeavour to make a decision as swiftly as possible. At this time of year, please ensure pupils have a warm coat, hat and gloves. In snowy conditions, boots are advisable. Our dedicated team will continue to try to keep the school operating as normal whenever possible.</p>
	<p>ParentMail - From 28th January we will be upgrading to ParentMail. Registering is very easy! Over the next few days you will be sent either an email and/or text message from ParentMail, when you receive this please just follow the instructions in the message. Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we would highly recommend you download the ParentMail App for the best user experience. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store. Please be assured that ParentMail is registered with the Information Commissioner and <u>guarantees</u> that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation. If you need any additional information or assistance, please visit the help site: www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/ or if you have not received any contact from ParentMail by February please contact Sarah Cannon in the ICT office.</p>
	<p>Non-uniform day. On Friday, 15th February, pupils will be taking part in a fundraising event to raise money for the School Library bus. On that day, your child may wear non-uniform to school for a donation of £1. Pupils should come in uniform if they do not wish to wear non-uniform.</p>
	<p>Networking with the Family Inclusion Team and Speech and Language Therapist – coffee morning. Our Speech and Language Therapist will be holding a coffee morning at Poppies Café, St Andrews Church, London Road, Wickford SS12 0AN on Friday, 1st February at 11.00am-12.00pm. Refreshments can be purchased.</p>
	<p>An introduction to questioning and language levels – coffee morning. Our Speech and Language Therapist will be holding a coffee morning at Downtowner Youth Centre, Irvon Hill Road, Wickford SS12 0AQ on Wednesday, 6th March at 10.30-11.30am. Refreshments can be purchased.</p>
	<p>Motivated Minds – coffee morning. Carla from Motivated Minds will be holding a coffee morning at Downtowner Youth Centre, Irvon Hill Road, Wickford SS12 0AQ on Wednesday, 1st May at 10.30-11.30am. Refreshments can be purchased.</p>
Future dates	<p>Half term – 18 – 22 February (return on 25 February) World Book Day – 7 March Easter - 8 – 22 April (return on 23 April) Bank Holiday – Monday 6 May Half term 27 – 31 May (including bank holiday) Last day of school 24 July (except for year 11 which will be 28 June)</p>

Please ensure that we have your up to date email address and contact numbers in case of an emergency. Please let the School Office know of any changes.