

# Westdale Junior School

## Newsletter

Spring Term

Tuesday 2nd  
February 2010

### School Update

As some of you are now aware school was broken into twice on Thursday night.

During these burglaries, we had a lot of things stolen, including laptop, external lap top back up, keys and my car. As you can imagine this is causing some degree of difficulty for myself and the office staff at the moment as we try to find out what has been taken. Please bear with us if we can not supply you with information as quickly as usual.

It also means that lots of pieces of general information are missing. One of these bits of information is all my email addresses, I would be very grateful therefore if you could email me with the address that you would like the newsletter sending to if you normally receive the newsletter by email.

I am sure that I will need to ask for other bits of information as we discover they are missing. I would like to reassure you that no personal information was lost as this is all password protected at several levels.

On a personal note, if you do happen to see a silver Honda Civic, registration plate RE53 KVC anywhere then please inform the police.

### Text Messages

If you didn't receive the text messages yesterday and would like to be kept informed of events in this way then please ensure that you let the office know your current mobile phone number.

### Power Cut and School Closure

Thank you to all those parents who were so very understanding yesterday.

We were informed of the power outage at 7.10am and after contacting the electricity company were given no expected time of reconnection. We waited for as long as possible for the power to be re-established but at 7.45am had to make the decision to close on grounds of Health and Safety.

No electricity meant that we had no heating, no fire alarm, no telephones, no hot water and no way of ensuring that the children could be fed. This decision was not taken lightly as we fully understand the impact that an unexpected closure has on your family.

At 8.20am the power was switched back on and after consultation with the Infant School we decided to reopen. We considered that remaining closed for the day was not in the best interests of anybody. We know that some parents had made alternative arrangements in the meantime and we apologise for the inconvenience that this caused.

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly and is always done with the safety of the children in mind.

Once again, apologies for the inconvenience caused.