

# Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Community Primary School

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*"Love God, love others, love ourselves"*

## Letter Number 7

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for the Spring term. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year for 2010.

### Staffing

Mr Brown will be taking a period of leave of absence during January due to a personal matter. During this time his class will be taken by Mr Graham Griffiths.

### Extreme Weather

In the event of extreme weather it is Local Authority policy for teachers who are unable to reach their own school to report to the nearest school. Recent weather forecasts predict snow and freezing conditions for the next few days. We will endeavour to keep the school open, but in the event of extreme conditions suggest you listen to the local radio stations Heart (102.6FM, or online at [heartsomerset.co.uk](http://heartsomerset.co.uk)) and BBC Somerset (95.5 FM and online at [bbc.co.uk/somerset](http://bbc.co.uk/somerset)), who will keep listeners regularly updated regarding school closures.

If you are unsure then you may telephone the school.

### School Meal Increase

The cost of a school meal has risen to £2.15 for KS1 pupils and £2.30 for KS2 pupils. The cost of these meals are set by the supplier, Somerset County Services (SCS). The increase reflects the rising costs of producing the meals, fuel costs, supplier and staffing costs.

### Parking

A recent visit from the Road Safety Officer highlighted that some parents continue to park on prohibited areas just outside the school premises. Please, if you are one of these parents, could you find somewhere safe to park?

## Refurbishment

The refurbishment of 'Block E' (Foundation Stage building and the gym) is planned to commence in early February. The building works will put extra demands on our already restricted car parking facilities. Alternative arrangements are being sought to accommodate some car parking for staff, however everyone will need to be extra cautious about safety at this time.

## After School and Breakfast Clubs

To safeguard children during the refurbishment, parents will need to sign children in for Breakfast Club and out for After School Club. Thank you for your assistance.

## Holidays During Term Time

The Government are tightening the rules regarding holiday in term time. As a result, the Governors of our school will be meeting to discuss and review our current arrangements. We will keep you informed of any decisions made.

## Violin Lessons

We are considering the possibility of introducing violin lessons to the school. Instruments would be available to hire from the school at a cost of £10 per term. If you are interested in your child learning to play violin during school time, please complete the slip below.

*Shirley A. McBride*

Shirley McBride  
Headteacher

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## Violin Lessons

**Please return to the school office by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Wishes to have violin lessons. I will/will not\* need to hire an instrument from school.  
\* delete as applicable.

Signed ..... Date .....