



# FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGES FROM JACQUI WARNE

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for your patience and understanding with the recent closure of Ellen Tinkham School and College due to the severe weather.

Closing the school is never a decision taken lightly and only in exceptional circumstances does this happen. I appreciate it would have caused inconvenience to do so at short notice, so thank you for your support.

**Upcoming Parent Governor Vacancy** – Please find attached a letter from the Chair of Governors, Kate Mythen and myself, in relation to our current Parent Governor vacancy. I hope a few of you will consider applying for this role and we look forward to receiving your completed nomination forms very soon. Thank you.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 29th March

Last Day of Term

Monday 16th April

Pupils return to school



## FURTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL ...

### MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

As you are aware we are now using a system called "School Gateway" This system is designed to help parents pay for school meals, trips, cookery etc. online in order to reduce the amount of cash which is sent into school. We also use this system to contact parents/carers for various reasons i.e. school closure due to bad weather, trip information, events that are happening in school, you can also log on to see things like dinner money/trip balances.

It is a great way for you to be able to contact the school free of charge, as by using the app to message the school does not cost you anything. If this is something you would be interested in using please contact the school office and we can talk you through how to use it.

We do need to have your most up to date information on our system in order for it to work, so if you do download the app and you can't get in to it please contact us to check your mobile phone number and email address are correct on our system.

Here is a quick link if you would like to use it:

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/register>

Or you can go onto your Play Store (Android Phones) / App Store (iPhone) and search "School Gateway" to download app free of charge.

If you would like anymore information please contact the school office and we will do our best to help.

Thank you.

*Enjoy the weekend!*

*Jacqui Warne  
Executive Head*



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## MESSAGES FROM THE PTFA



The PTFA committee would like to say a

# HUGE thank you!

to everyone who has supported PTFA fundraising events over the last year. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to contribute funding towards:

hydrotherapy pool refurbishment

inflatables and floats

school dog training

Space Dome

Summer ball

seating and storage unit for calm area

tools and equipment for rural skills

South Africa trip

gym equipment