

# The Cuckoo



## Snow Report

So Gotham Primary remained open when many other schools in Rushcliffe and across the country could not. As a HT it is *my* responsibility to open our school if it is safe for me to do so—and as parents it is *your* responsibility to bring your child to school if it is possible to do so. Only 78 of our 196 pupils live in the village and can walk to school, so it was encouraging that 112 children attended on Thursday 1st March and 138 made it in to school on Friday 2nd. Well Done!



## Independent Learning

We have decided to revisit the 3B4ME strategy which we learned from an RLA INSET Day.

The idea is that children can refer to a menu of strategies for helping them to move on if they become temporarily stuck during the independent learning part of a lesson. This is designed to build up their academic resilience and self-sufficiency because it gives children the power and permission to become more independent learners and not rely so heavily on adult support.

Obviously the teacher or TA is still there to move children on, and they will do this when children have tried out three independent strategies first.

3B4ME		
Use your brain...	Look around the room...	Ask a friend...
Try again...	Look in a book...	Move on... (and then go back)
Then ask your Teacher or TA!		



## Teacher2Parents

We have renegotiated our contract with Teachers2Parents to improve our communication with you.

From now on each child in school has two T2P contact numbers, and both will automatically receive any texts which we send out from school. We are limited to a maximum of two contacts per child only.

We still have a number of Grandparents set up as a separate group, but they will not automatically receive information texts unless it relates directly to them and the Grandparents events to which they have been invited throughout the year.

Obviously sitting entering additional numbers from the contact forms you provide onto the T2P system has been a time-consuming task for Mrs Hughes and Mrs Cox, but they believe we have now made the transition to the new updated service. Initially there may be a few hitches, so please be patient and do pop into the office to let us know of any issues you may be experiencing. **Thank you**



## Mobile Phones

These should only be brought into school if a child is walking home alone. Phones must be switched off and handed in at the office. It is the child's responsibility to collect their phone at the end of the day. We lock phones up but cannot accept responsibility for them. **Thank you**

## A reminder of March Diary Dates

Friday 16th March	Book Day—rescheduled as a result of snow!
Monday 19th & Tuesday 1st March	Parent meetings—etter already sent out.
w/c 19th March	Art Week
Friday 23rd March	Art Gallery open from 2.30pm-4pm
Wednesday 28th March	Class photos—smart hair and uniforms please.
Wednesday 28th March	Easter Egg competition—letter see attached
Thursday 29th March	Grandparents Spring Term meeting with SLB—Refreshments from 2.30pm, Easter Colouring with grandchildren from 3.30pm
Friday 30th March	Good Friday -School closed
Monday 16th April	School reopens after Easter break.

