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**CHATHAM & CLARENDON**  
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**NEWSLETTER: JANUARY 2013**

**A belated very Happy New Year to all our students, parents and carers**

**Proposal For Merger Document** – the consultation period has been extended until 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013. If you wish to comment on the proposal document <http://tinyurl.com/a9tsqmn> please do so on the final page of the document and return it by 6<sup>th</sup> February.

**October Half Term 2013** (Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November) The October half term holiday will return to a one week holiday this October.

**Publicity** – since starting in December the school publicity team have been extremely



successful in getting their stories published in the Isle of Thanet Gazette including the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Christmas Jumper day in December which raised £217.80 for Save the Children. Please let us know if your son/daughter has been successful in a sport or hobby they pursue so we can celebrate their success either on our website or in the paper.

**Free School Meals** – If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals could we encourage you to apply. Forms are available from Reception at all three sites or can be downloaded from the KCC website. If your son/daughter is entitled to Free School Meals then this enables the school to offer financial assistance for things such as school trips.



**School laptops to Philippines** – see the school website in the News section for an update on this story from last year.

**RUYM** – this word means Ramsgate and is also the name of our former pupil association. They are responsible for producing a magazine for former pupils and organising an annual get together for old boys and girls. RUYM are always looking for new members including our most recent leavers. If you are interested in joining they have a Facebook page - Old Ruymians Club, or please write to the Honourable Secretary Mr Tony Debling via the school offices.

**Zero Tolerance Policy** – after a number of incidents where parents have been verbally aggressive or intimidating to staff we have felt it necessary to introduce a zero tolerance policy. Just as in other workplaces like hospitals, it is not acceptable to be rude or aggressive towards staff in the school. Once the policy has been verified by the Governors we will post it on the website.

**Severe Weather** – Please see the school website for information about school closure. As a school we have to make a decision about school closure very early as we have a significant number of students who travel from Herne Bay and beyond. Last week we had to rely on the information provided by South Eastern Trains and bus company websites which all indicated that there were no delays. As it turned out this was not true; some trains experienced very long delays and some bus routes were disrupted. We have to be mindful that once our children



have got here they can also get home, and because of continued disruption with public transport we made the decision to let the children leave early.

As with other schools, on days when the conditions are poor but we still open, it is likely that students will follow an alternative timetable. This means that they will probably complete revision work or some other worthwhile activity. The decision as to whether you send your child to



school in periods of severe weather is entirely yours and should be made on the basis of whether it is safe to do so in the conditions in your area. As Thanet experiences a micro climate all of its own we understand that it is often worse in some areas than others.

As somebody who does not like cold weather and the problems it brings, I have my fingers and toes crossed that we see no more of the white stuff this year!

Best Wishes  
**Mrs D Liddicoat**  
**Principal**