Dear Meadowers,

Another good week in school with lots happening and children getting 'stuck' in to the new term.

I am sure you are feeling a little overwhelmed with all the log ins for the different online platforms coming your way.  Please do not panic we are here to help.  Mrs Donald has asked me to send out the link to our Digital Hub which the Digital leaders have created to help you.

<https://www.thinglink.com/card/1484626619522875394>

Please do try and get your child onto their Teams account when you can as we never know when we might have to switch to online learning.

We are intending to hold a Meet the Teacher night on the 7th of September.  More details will be sent regarding this in due course.

The Parent Council AGM will be held online on the 5th of September at 6.30pm.  Details have been sent to you today about this.

You should receive a Termly Learning for your child.  This shows the planned learning for this term.  By sharing this with you we hope you are then able to talk with your child and maybe support them at home.   Parents talking with children about learning has a very positive impact on their motivation and success.

House Captains and Vice-Captain applications are beginning to come in from our P7 pupils.  Once we have received them Mrs Donnelly and Miss Roddick will begin to organise interviews for the children.  It's an exciting time for the P7s but also quite daunting being interviewed but the skills the children are developing will really support them in the future.  If your child is applying, why not have a mock interview at home and ask them to tell you what skills and qualities they have and why they would make a good House Captain.

Children in P6 and P7 are also currently deciding on who will represent their views on our Learning Committee.  Each class chooses two reps who then meet with the Head Teacher to discuss how we can improve learning for the children in our school.

Please remember we do have a school Facebook page.  It is a closed group and when you ask to join you will be asked which class your child is in.  This allows us to make sure it is only our parents and staff who are in the group.

Another reminder about the car parks.  We are still seeing parents dropping off in both the main car park and also the top car park.  We do not have a drop off zone.  You must park away from the school and walk your children to school.  Please don't turn in the area at the entrance.  Children need to have a safe route to school and there have been some examples of very irresponsible driving.

The school office hours are the following

Monday - Wednesday 8am-4pm

Thursday and Friday 8.30-4pm

It is really important that you let us know as soon as possible if your child will not be in school.  Please remember that you can log absences on your Parents Portal.

The procedures are if you don't contact us by 9.30am the office will start to phone parents who haven't been in touch.  If they are unable to reach you, they will then try your emergency contacts.  If this is unsuccessful, they will then escalate to a member of the SLT who will then make a decision on what should happen next.  This could include contacting other agencies if we are concerned about lack of contact.

Another urgent matter - some people have not completed the annual forms.  Today the office is sending home new copies to anyone who has not yet returned their forms.  Please send these back as soon as possible so that we have up to date permissions and contact details for your child.  Not sending them in may stop your child being able to go on class trips as we wouldn't have the relevant permission.  Thanks for your cooperation with this matter.

A reminder about our no nut policy.  There have been a couple of incidents this week of children coming to school with peanut butter in their snack box.  Please check everything you send in.

And that is all for this week!!  Enjoy your weekend!

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