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## Weekly Newsletter – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

It has been another busy week at school and at home (well done Year 4). Our children will certainly be ready for their well-earned half-term break **next** Friday. We re-open on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### Class Dojo

Thank you to all the parents who have downloaded the ClassDojo app – 90% of our families have now done so. Congratulations to our Y4 parents who are the first class to have every parent connected!

This app enables the class teacher to share messages with individual parents and parents can contact the classteacher. We will also be posting information and letters via this app too.

Mrs Coxon, Miss Banks and many of the children in their class also used it for home learning when their bubbles weren't in school. We have had very positive feedback from our Y1 parents and I will be sending out a questionnaire to our Y4 parents for feedback too.

I know that a number of teachers have trialled setting homework on it this week so that the children can get familiar with using it and we can iron out any technical or teething problems. Unfortunately, please note that the work will only be able to be completed online if your child is using the app. To access the work on the app you need to click on your child's account on the left hand side of the screen, they should then choose 'activity' and then select 'to do'. Your child should then be able to select a tool to complete the sheet and simply click on the arrow to return it to the class teacher when they have finished. Your child will not be able to access it on a computer or laptop (unless you have a chrome book where you should be able to download the app). Therefore, please let us know if your child needs a paper copy.

If you haven't already downloaded the app and set up yours and your child's account and you need us to re-send the log in details please email the class teacher or myself.

### SumDog

Wow – we have been blown away by the enthusiasm of the children taking part in the Lancashire SumDog tournament both at home and at school. Huge congratulations to every pupil who competed in it! We finished with 3 classes in top 10 for Lancashire. Y4 were 3<sup>rd</sup> on leaderboard and top in our school, with Y5 5<sup>th</sup> and Y1 10<sup>th</sup>. All Y1 – Y6 classes were in the top 20!

A special mention must go to Y3 and Y5 who had every pupil in the class taking part and to Robyn in Y3 who was 8<sup>th</sup> on the individual score board for the whole of Lancashire for a number of days. We will announce the winning house on Monday. Please do encourage your child to keep working on SumDog at home as it really will help improve their mental arithmetic.

### Tempest Photographs

Just a reminder that the photographer will be coming back next **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** to take individual photos of Y4 and any other children who were absent last time. Family photos will be taken too.

If your child has already had their photograph taken you should have received an emailed link from Tempest to view your child's photographs. Please email Mel Clarke at [bursar@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk) if you haven't received one so that she can check that they have your correct email address.

Finally, as ever, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me by email: [head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk), via messenger on our school Facebook page or by ringing school.

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