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Dear Parents and Carers

It feels like we have been back for more than a week!! I hope that you enjoyed receiving the newsletter with the many updates and diary dates for your information.

Thank you to those of you who responded to the parent questionnaire that was sent out before half term. This will be a termly 'event' so that we can measure our progress as a team working together for the good of our children.

I would just like to take this opportunity to share some responses to your comments and assure you that we take every one seriously.

There were many comments about communication and the issues surrounding that, from the regularity of newsletters to the late notice for events. We have reviewed this and for your information, you will now receive a newsletter twice a half term. As was included on the newsletter last week, we are going to utilize our year group webpages to share more fully what learning is taking place in the classroom, the superstars too! This is as well as improving what is on those pages to support you with the learning activities and what homework has been set e.g. spellings. Your feedback on this will be valuable when it is set up. I will inform you as soon as we are good to go.

My Zoom meetings have evolved from all of those virtual discussions during COVID – seems an age ago now! Thank you for your input on improving these. I know that we did discuss these alternating from a face to face and then virtual but at that time, it was felt that the ease of joining virtually was so much better. On Friday we had an agenda which worked really well and we did share first hand parental issues surrounding the staggered times which we will be continuing to discuss on the next Zoom. This is something that will be changed for January and your involvement through these conversations will be invaluable. Like I said on Friday, I cannot please everyone but I can and will listen. I am afraid that due to my busy schedule, I have to keep the Zoom to a Friday at 10am. Sending an agenda with the invite gives you the opportunity to send in any comments if you are unable to attend, or an item for AOB! Recording is an option I am looking into too. The next Zoom meeting will be on Friday 18th November (Children in Need) at 10am.

Now we are back to a more normal life, below are our scheduled parents' evenings. This week we have offered both virtual and live. There will be a very short feedback questionnaire sent out on Thursday for you to complete about the experience to help us to improve for next time.

Parent evening dates for this academic year

27th and 28th March

Year 6 earlier due to SATs 15th February

Plans for the summer term are yet to be finalised but will be confirmed asap

There are times when dates for events are sent out with not a lot of notice. I do apologise for this, however as a school that never stands still, we like to take up every opportunity which on





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occasion may be last minute. Please be assured that everything we plan and do has the interest of the children at its heart. We understand your frustration and will keep this in mind.

There were some comments about the opportunity to talk to teachers at the beginning of the school day. We have provided the email system for you to liaise with teachers and where necessary, phone calls can be made and meetings set up if needed. Of course, we will provide an opportunity for you to speak to your class teacher in the instance of an emergency, but please keep in mind, the beginning of the school day is a crucial time to start the learning and routines of the day. Miss Annese, Mrs McDonagh and myself are always available for messages which we do deliver for you.

I hope that this letter enables you to see how important your comments are to us and has clarified some of your concerns. As I said on my Zoom last week, we cannot please everyone but we can listen and adapt the best we can for the good of your children. We look forward to continuing to work together, thank you again for your input. There were other comments made regarding the curriculum that we are addressing and will share with you in due course.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Bury
Headteacher

