



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of term which promises to be even busier than the first! Please see below for this week's news and reminders.

TUESDAY 1st NOV: As organised by Jack in Lower Primary, primary children are invited to dress up in their spookiest outfits for the Halloween dress up day tomorrow.

PRIMARY

CLUBS FORMS: Primary Parents please return club request forms NO LATER THAN TOMORROW.

PRIMARY

MEADOWBROOK ON THE MAP: The MSB marketing team has nearly completed its first phase of putting M'bk on the map. You will soon see Meadowbrook road signs and roundabout sponsorship which we hope will spread the word amongst the local community that we are here!

WHOLE SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS IS COMING: That time of year again...Please see the Meadowbrook Christmas Letter attached.

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UNIFORM: Please remember that winter uniform is now compulsory. Socks continue to be a source of confusion so to clarify; these must be navy or black plain uniform socks. Items of uniform with the school logo must be genuine uniform items and not self-printed or 'homemade'. A tracksuit is being added to the uniform list for all primary children and this will be available soon.

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COMMUNICATION: A minority of feedback forms received from parents following last term's evaluation raised communication between home and school as an issue. Although I am aware that we cannot please everybody all of the time this was disappointing as the introduction of Parent Comms each Monday and the subsequent 'who should read' column was designed to address the barrage of emails that was historically sent. Some feedback stated that there is still too much information being issued but having reviewed things again, it is not really possible to reduce it further short of splitting the comms into specific classes. The decision not to do this has been made as the weekly comms paints a picture of Meadowbrook by reflecting the breadth and richness of provision and it is hoped that as a small school, the majority of parents enjoy the feeling of whole school community this affords.

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At primary, some feedback commented on the use of pockets and passing messages via children. Again, the latter is a deliberate strategy designed to build responsibility and accountability in young children. We select the verbal messages sent home with children carefully and would ask that you support this practice by asking your children if there are any messages from school.



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CHANGES TO SCHEDULES / DIARY DATES: As there are no changes to report this week, I thought I would take this opportunity to explain why changes occur more frequently at M'bk than at other schools! The reason for this is simple – we are a child centred school and every aspect of our practice is liable to change (sometimes at short notice) if we feel that it is in the children's (class or individual) best interest. Even trips and workshops, previously booked at the start of term are liable for adjustment if the teacher feels that it is important to do so. *Please* don't confuse child centred flexible practice with bad planning!

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POSITIVE DISCIPLINE: Last call for places on the Advanced Workshop Saturday 12th November. Please register today to secure your place.

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DOOR POLICY: To clarify the door policy at Primary – the front door is opened at 8.30 and parents are welcome to come in at that time. Classroom doors open at 8.40 and until that time, children are asked to read or sit quietly in the library or atrium. Staff children who spend longer hours at school are permitted into classrooms before 8.40.

PRIMARY

ACTION AID WORKSHOP: Year 3 and 4 will enjoy a workshop given by Action Aid this week. Ask your children about it!

Yr 3 & 4

As usual, please let us know if you have any comments or queries concerning this week's comms.

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