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Friday 16 October 2020

Dear parent/carers

As we approach the last week of this half term it is appropriate to reflect for a moment on the distance we have come. It has been a mammoth collective effort to get us to this point safely and successfully. I am enormously grateful for the hard work of our staff who have had to shoulder even more responsibility than their demanding roles always require. They have done so willingly, with enthusiasm and energy. Thanks also to you as parents and carers for the understanding and cooperation that you have shown in helping the school to run safely and for placing such importance on your child's attendance each day. Above all, school is about our children and it has been abundantly clear this half term how powerfully they benefit from their experience here, both in terms of their learning and their well-being.

Of course we have a long way to go and things do not look set to become any easier in the months ahead. As we look to the rest of the term I am reminded of the African proverb that says 'To walk fast, walk alone, To walk far, walk together'. We will continue to need each other's support on the long road through autumn and winter so let's continue pulling together and working as one.

CHILLED-OUT FRIDAY (23rd October)

As a thank you to all of our pupils for their positive attitudes this term, and to celebrate their good attendance, we are inviting children to dress in non-uniform next Friday, 23rd October. We are planning a relaxed final day of the half term and in keeping with our 'chilled out' theme, children are welcome to wear **slippers** during the day, though obviously they will need outdoor footwear for breaks and at arrival/home time. We will be organising some restful and relaxing activities to help everyone wind-down before the start of the half term break.



SMOKING

As you will be aware, as council property, the school grounds are a no-smoking zone. Parents have requested that we ask all parents/carers not to smoke in 'waiting' areas next to school at the beginning and end of the school day, particularly where children are gathered. Thank you for your consideration.

SEESAW

Parents/carers are occasionally using Seesaw to message teachers. Seesaw is not intended for this purpose and messages left this way may well not be received. If you need to contact your child's teacher please ring the school office on the number above and they will get back to you.

Kind regards,

A. Brasington

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REMINDER: Monday 2nd November
is a **non-pupil day** for staff training.