Dear Parents and Carers,

**Student Planners**

You should all have seen the revised and updated planners. I must apologise for the fact that they were not available at the start of term. We were let down by our suppliers. Please remember to ensure you have signed your child’s home school agreement and the acceptable use policy.

**Geography Award – Silver**

I am delighted to inform you that the school has been awarded Silver by the Geographical Association. We are the only school in Yorkshire to have been successful during this round of applications. We had applied for the Bronze award; however, when the assessor came to the school and saw the quality of the work in Geography he moved us onto the next level.

Huge congratulations must go to Miss Tibbs for her wonderful efforts and not forgetting her Ofsted praised Geography Club! We will now be gathering ourselves and beginning our journey towards the Gold quality mark.

**PE Clothing**

Please remember that there is an expectation that all children will wear appropriate clothing for physical education (see page of the planner.) We still appear to have lots of children without any kit on their days. Also, any child with long hair must tie it back and earrings should either be removed or taped up.

**Collection from School**

I would like to remind parents that it is essential, should there be a change to the collection routine of your child that you inform the class teacher. We have had a couple of occasions recently when adults have expressed dismay that they are not able to take children from other families for social events. Whilst I recognise that this might appear churlish, I have instructed staff not to change their position on this issue. As a parent, I would not wish the school to assume that my child may have been granted permission to go home with another adult. I hope that you can appreciate the challenge this presents the school. I would much rather be confident in the decision we make rather than take an unnecessary risk.

**Parent Consultations**

Parent consultations have been arranged for 18th and 19th of October. This meeting is your first opportunity to hear the teacher’s views on how your child has settled and is performing in class. You can also ask any questions (within reason!) you may have of the teacher.

We are hoping to launch a slightly different booking system. This will allow you to select the time you wish rather than wait for the teacher to allocate you a time slot. Unfortunately, as I type this letter, the system does not work! We have been promised it will be up and running soon. If not; you will receive the standard letter and will need to disregard the previous hundred or so words! I will be in touch by Wednesday of next week to confirm arrangements.

If you are unable to attend either date, please contact the office and we will arrange another appointment at a mutually convenient time. I cannot stress enough the importance of parental support at these meetings.

We will also be offering parents a chance to sample the current menu on offer during this term. The kitchen will be serving a sample of the foods for you to try. Please note this is not enough for a main meal, but might help you get through parent consultations!

Nigel Martin, our Recorder and keyboard teacher, will also be attending both evenings. Parents can drop in and have a chat with him about how your child is developing in this area. No appointment is necessary for this.

Finally, although I hope you know this, if there is something you are worried about please do not wait for these sessions to discuss them with your teacher. We will help once we are aware you have a concern.

**Westfield Parent Sessions - Monday 16th October at 5:30pm**

Parents in Y5 and Y6 will have an opportunity to meet the Executive Headteacher (Roisin Paul) and Head of School (Joe Birkbeck) from Westfield Secondary School on Monday 16th October at 5:30pm. They have asked if they can come to our school and run an information session for you and your child. The session they have planned looks fantastic and will serve to answer many questions about the school and the strategic direction it is taking. I hope to see many of you here at school on the 16th.

**Winter Vomiting**

Please be aware that we are already getting reports of children picking up sickness bugs. We will reiterate with children the need for good hygiene however it would be really helpful if you reinforce this message at home. Should your child be sick, we have to follow the local authority guidelines which states that children will not be allowed back to school until 48 hours have passed since their last bout of sickness. I realise this can cause difficulties however it is essential we do our best not to spread this virulent bug.

**Mosborough Primary Group**

A quick reminder that the Mosborough Primary Group are holding a coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 29th September. Please join us at the school from 2pm, entrance is through the dinner hall doors.

As always they would welcome donations of cake. Please leave any donations with the school office on the morning of the 29th.

**Farmer’s Market – Friday 20th October 2:30pm**

In the diary we have put the date of our Farmer’s Market. This is a whole school event and will bring to a close our enterprise focus. Each class will receive a small budget and will design and make something to sell at the market. All proceeds will go to two charities; one local and one international, to be decided by Pupil Parliament. Please remember that we start at 2:30 and in the past, stalls tend to sell out quickly!

**Whole School Closure Day – Friday 27th October**

Although it still seems a long way off; I am just providing you with additional notice that the school will be closed to pupils on the 27th October for staff development. This will make our final day before the half term break the 26th October.

**We need your pants!**

Ok, so the title of the last part of my newsletter might be a little misleading! We actually need spare pairs of pants and socks for Foundation. If you have any that your children have grown out of please hand them into the office.

Kind Regards

Martin Fallon