Dear Parents and Carers,

**Parent Consultation Evening – 18th and 19th October**

The vast majority of parents have now booked their appointment. If you still have not done so please remember to book either via Parentmail or by contacting the office for them to do it on your behalf.

During parent evening you should receive four pieces of information from the teacher:

1. How your child has settled into life in their new year group.
2. What their attitude to learning is like.
3. Whether they are currently on track against the expectations for their year.
4. What you can do as parents to further support your child’s learning.

I am certain you will have lots of questions to ask the teacher; however it is essential you leave your meeting clear on these four aspects.

Also during the evening there will be another opportunity to try the new menu the catering staff are serving to the children. There will also be an opportunity to meet and talk with representatives from Squid, who are the company taking over from ParentPay. I should be clear this decision has been made at council level; we have been informed of the new provider. I have met representatives from the company, who all seemed really nice. They have assured me that the service will transfer seamlessly; I will wait and see how that goes in reality!

**You will soon be sent a letter with your child’s sQuid registration details**This is a 16 digit registration number and 3 digit security code that you should register on the sQuid website. If you have more than one child at the school, they will each be issued with their own registration number. Simply follow the instructions set out in the letter to create your online sQuid account and register your child.

Once you have created a sQuid account for your child, you will also be able to manage their account online at any time to:

* **Top up their account from your bank account, credit or debit card**
* **Enable Auto top up so that they never run out of funds**
* **Check their account balance**
* **View their transactions**

We thank you for your anticipated support in using sQuid.

**Togetherness- Art exhibition**

All schools are required by law to teach British Values. At Mosborough, we have created our own way of teaching this as part of our ‘Values for Life’. Each term we take a value and study it, both in class and as a whole school during assembly. Our whole school theme this term has been togetherness. Each class has devoted elements of their computing lessons to exploring how this theme could be explored through digital imagery.

We hope you will find the time during parents’ evening to visit our gallery to view the images created by all the classes. The gallery has been established in the hall before moving on to a permanent exhibition at the Tate Modern! Please note that this show will only be available during parent evenings and that there will be no charge for this time limited viewing.

**School Uniform**

We have had lots of uniform go missing recently. Can we ask that parents name all items of school uniform, that way we will be able to return any we find? Could I also request that you check laundry bins for items of clothing that do not belong to your child?

**Trips**

I would like to take this opportunity to show off slightly. We have already had several year groups go out of school on residential trips and other day visits. Each time, the conduct of the children has been praised by the centres and other adults. Congratulations to the children for representing the school so well, they are a great credit.

**School Meals**

Can I remind all junior parents that school dinners must be paid for prior to ordering? We cannot authorise debts and whilst we will not see children hungry, parents must appreciate that the school is having to spend money on school meals for some pupils. If anybody has a problem paying for school meals, please contact the office and we can talk you through a range of options.

**Westfield Parent Meeting for Y5/6 parents – 16th October 5.30pm**

Please remember that the Executive headteacher (Roisin Paul) and the Head of School (Joe Birkbeck) will be holding a question and answer meeting for parents and children in Y5 and Y6. The evening promises to be very informative and should be enjoyable. I hope both parents and children are able to attend.

**MPG**

Please remember disco tickets go on sale at 8.15am on Monday 16th October 2017

The MPG are busy planning the Christmas Fair (23rd November), as part of this they will be selling second-hand uniform. If you have any that doesn’t fit your children and you wish to donate it, please send it into the office.

**Farmer’s Market – Friday 20th October**

You are warmly invited to this event. It will be the culmination of our Enterprise Week. Each class have been given a budget to spend and will design and make something to sell at the market. The proceeds of this event will go towards both a local and international charity which will be chosen by the Pupil Parliament next week. The market will open at 2:30 on the dot. I have booked sunshine, as per usual, and the stalls will be set out outside each classroom. I must warn you that given the bespoke nature of the products on sale and that Mosborough only make high end goods, we will sell out quickly! The aim of the task is to sell, sell, sell and as a consequence, if you wish to buy, buy, buy, please ensure you arrive on time!

**Whole School Closure Day**

I would like to remind you that the school is closed to pupils on Friday 27th October. We re-open after half term on Monday 6th November.

Kind Regards

Martin Fallon