



Hello everyone

We have had a super week in school and nursery, indeed what a quick week it has been! The children are extremely settled and have been working very hard in class with their learning too. There is a real buzz of productivity everywhere and a strong feeling of happiness and joy at being back together in school again.

As the weather has, quite suddenly, taken an Autumnal feel at times, this unfortunately means the arrival of Wet Weather Intervals! Your child is therefore most welcome to bring in a favourite book, colouring pad or similar to do over intervals in class if the weather is very bad and they can't get out to play. This small item will remain in school and will be kept safely in class for them to enjoy when they wish. In addition to this, we know that we have many avid readers in Netherlee and your child can, again only if they wish, bring a novel or similar type of book into school to keep in their tray which they can then enjoy reading, at appropriate times, throughout the day. We do of course have plenty of novels in school and our class libraries but we know that some children enjoy bringing a favourite book from home as well. Please note however, that these items do require to remain in school and cannot be brought back and forwards each day.

As I indicated last week, Mrs Roberts and I have been gathering the views of our P7 pupils as we plan their P7 year ahead. As I am sure you will appreciate, in order to follow all safety and hygiene measures, our P7s cannot carry out some of the traditional type of responsibilities right now e.g. buddying. However, they have already given us several innovative suggestions of how we could work creatively together to plan lots of new leadership type activities as befit our P7s. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, we haven't been able to purchase the P7 ties as yet. These have been unavailable to order up until now but we are still trying our very best to source these if we can as we know this is a special P7 tradition.

A little reminder that, whilst we are very pleased that our children appear to have settled back into school life extremely well, I am very aware that coming back to school after such a long period at home, is still something that we are all very much getting used to and we will continue to offer support to any child who needs a little additional help with either their learning or with re-establishing friendships. Therefore, please do get in touch if you are concerned in any way and we will, of course, be happy to help.

Thank you very much for only using phone or email to get in touch with us. These methods are working extremely well and are much more reliable and efficient than notes in schoolbags. Thank you for continuing in this vein.

This week, myself and the Principal Teachers met with Dorothy and Fiona (PTA Co Chairs) and we had great fun planning many fun and exciting events for the year ahead. Look out for more information to follow soon. Mrs Sweeney and I really enjoyed joining each of the P1 classes at their virtual parties on various evenings over the past two weeks. I think I can actually still remember the names of many of the favourite toys which were shared on screen - extremely cute, with great fun being had by all.😊

I will be back in touch again next Friday but meantime, do get in touch with us at any time and finally, have a really lovely weekend everyone.

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