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Good afternoon everyone

I hope all Netherlee families have had a good week and that lots of you have had the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful Scarecrow Trail. A huge thank you to all involved in pulling this together- to the pupils for designing and working so cooperatively in bringing the class scarecrows to "life", to the wonderful staff who always respond to these activities with great enthusiasm and vigour, to all of our supportive parents who donated small items to dress some scarecrows and of course to our amazing PTA for organising such a creative, and very much needed, family and community activity.

We are really pleased with how our use of Google Classrooms for posting homework is going. Thank you for supporting this at home. As always, please don't hesitate at any time to get in touch with us, via email, if you have any questions in relation to this or if you or your child need any help or support with accessing the online classroom. We will be only too happy to help or to discuss any matter, either about your own child or about a wider, more general school matter, with you.

Thank you for being so careful about always including your child's name and class in any email communications. This ensures that all emails are able to be very quickly passed on to the most appropriate member of staff. This of course includes myself if there is anything that you would like to feed back to me or would like me to explain more fully in my Friday Bundle Parent Updates. Please do just get in touch.

I would like to also share with you some staffing news. One of my Principal Teachers, Ms Linda Bell, will be leaving us next Friday. Linda is leaving to take up the position of Teacher Lecturer with the University of the West of Scotland. In this role, Linda will play a key part in supporting the next generation of teachers as they study at university. Linda is truly perfect for this as she has a wealth of knowledge and a real passion for teacher education and professionalism. Whilst we are all going to miss Linda greatly in Netherlee, we are also truly delighted for her too. I am sure that all parents will want to join me in wishing Ms Bell our very best wishes and also lots of enjoyment and fulfilment in her next adventure.

Thank you for your continuing awareness of the signs around the school gates and on fences stating that dogs should be kept outside the playground areas. I would like to highlight that this also includes the Clarkston Road gate and playground where, in order to ensure the safety of all, parents are welcome to come into the school grounds up to the coned off areas. Dogs should not be brought through the Clarkston Road Gate please. I have also been asked by a couple of parents to highlight that, as per government advice, the wearing of facemasks is a recommended procedure, particularly in busier areas and times such as school collection time. However, I would also like to remind all parents that we will always hold on to your child until you arrive to collect them so if you feel an area is particularly busy, please hold back and be reassured that your child will be safe with us. I have also been requested by parents to include in my update this week that unfortunately some adults are not moving away quickly once they have either dropped off or collected their child from school but are instead standing chatting in small groups near the gates etc. Can I please ask you to help us to keep our Netherlee community safe by avoiding doing this? Thank you on behalf of all parents and also myself for your support and understanding with these important points.

I do hope everyone enjoyed the Stage Newsletters set home last week. Thank you to those of you who took the time to email me to say how much you enjoyed seeing the photographs and reading about the learning taking place in school. Look out for more of these coming home regularly throughout the session. I hope to be able to give you information in relation to Parent/ Teacher Meetings very soon.

Have a really lovely weekend everyone, please remember to Tweet any of our children's exciting adventures over the weekend- either when taking part in "Beat the Street", "come on Netherlee- let's do this☺", or when out and about happy scarecrow hunting!

Warmest wishes

Yvonne Donaldson (Head Teacher)



Our Netherlee Community Working With and For Our Children