Good afternoon,

I hope everyone has had a good week – it was so nice to have some sun for some of it.

**Family Partnership**

Apologies again that we had to cancel the Family Partnership meeting on Wednesday. It has never happened to the Family Partnership before that there has not been a janitor from the within the local area group available to cover the let.

Karen and I are trying to work out just now what date we can re-arrange the meeting to, which will need to be after the holiday week now.

**Assembly**

We are having a focus on kindness in assembly today. I have been dealing with some upset feelings at home with my own boy around things that have been happening with friendships for him at school and that has made me think there are a few things we can be reminding the children about here too. As a headteacher, having your own child go through school at the same time is certainly insightful and extremely helpful in developing my own leadership.

I am using the example from the video below if you would like to watch it with your child and discuss anything.

<https://www.facebook.com/nowthis/videos/elementary-teacher-goes-viral-for-kindness-rule/1886514331819773/>

I am going to refer back to the point that sometimes people can say unkind things deliberately but sometimes they can also do it without thinking about it first and in either situation, it is difficult to take them back.

I am also going to show this quote:

*“You just never know what someone is dealing with behind closed doors. No matter how happy someone looks, how loud their laugh is, how big their smile is, there can still be a level of hurt that is indescribable. So be kind. Even when others are not, choose to be kind.”*

And this THINK prompt:

*T – Is it true?*

*H – Is it helpful?*

*I – Is it inspiring?*

*N – Is it necessary?*

*K – is it kind?*

**School gate**

As everyone adheres to very well, dogs are not allowed onto the school grounds. However please also be aware that dogs around the school gates, especially at busy drop off and pick up times, can make children, or adults, anxious. Such busyness at the gates can also be a stressful or over stimulating environment for dogs and could result in them behaving out of character.

**Committees**

We are having our first committee groups session of the year this afternoon. After they have all met I will update with what the committees are and any actions they have thought of so far. Then if anyone is able to help us with anything that would be a huge help!

**Diary**

Just a reminder of upcoming dates for you:

Friday 11th October – in-service day

Monday 14th – Friday 18th October – holiday

Monday 21st October – school reopens

Friday 25th October – Family Café at drop off time

Thursday 7th November – open classroom in the afternoon

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Caroline