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Dear Parents / Carers

As we reach the end of the first term this year, I would like to thank all of our pupils, families and staff for their hard work, support and encouragement. Our P2-7 pupils have settled well into the new school year and have made new friendships and developed new skills. They have welcomed many new pupils into our school and have shown how caring and supportive they are. Our P1 pupils have been wonderful, and we feel that they have been with us for much longer than nine weeks – keep up the great work P1! P7 pupils have had their residential visit or experience week and were very mature and responsible when trying all the new challenges they were set. Our new members of staff have also been welcomed into the Newton Farm family and have enjoyed getting to know everyone. Thank you too to all of the parents and carers who have visited us for our Meet the Teacher event, Biscuit and a Blether days, information sessions for our supported classes and to the P1 families who came along this week to our first Learning Showcase. We will be planning more events in the months ahead to add to those already on our year planner (which is on the school Blog), so please come along when you can and join in the learning with us.

Thank you too for your support when we have unexpected events happen to us – as you know this week the power cut and subsequent loss of water in the school meant we had to close for an hour on Thursday morning. This was to allow time for workmen to fix the pump which sends water through the school and check it was working again. We always send the information to you as quickly as possible when we have to close as we understand how disruptive this sort of news can be to families. All closures have to be approved by SLC and these decisions are made rarely and only in the best interests of the pupils and their safety.

Our Parent Council have been working hard to plan Halloween Discos for pupils when we return, and our school Halloween parties will be coming up soon too – I have my costume ready but pupils can choose whether or not they wish to dress up in a costume as we know it is not something that everyone wants to do.

I hope you all have a lovely October break look forward to seeing everyone again on October 23rd.

Kind regards

Mrs C Meechan

Head Teacher