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Dear Parents

As we embark on a new academic year at Skeld, we want to extend a warm welcome to both our returning families and those who are joining our school community for the first time.

As some of you know we firmly believe that education is a collaborative journey between the school, parents, and students. Your continued support and engagement are invaluable to us and play a pivotal role in nurturing a thriving educational environment. Together, we create a nurturing and inspiring atmosphere where each child can discover their potential, develop a love for learning, and build character traits that will serve them well throughout their lives.

As mentioned in June's Parent Council meeting we have parental engagement on the school improvement plan. As in previous terms we will send out the topic plans, but this year you will also have the opportunity to come to the school for a termly open day where you can work alongside your children in the class. These will be on different days to allow as many of you to attend as possible.

Further to this we will be sending out surveys, one a term. It is really helpful that you fill these in as they are part of our evidence if HMIE arrive.

Our first survey is a simple one question one. **As parents - what do you want parental engagement to look like in Skeld?** This may be something we do already, it maybe something we don't and it may be something totally outside of the box. As I have said before this is your school and you should have a say in how we do things.

This term we will also have the parents evening to let you know how the children have settled in. This can be done by phone/video or in person, the choice is yours. We will continue to update the Blog regularly and will also continue to work on the individual e-portfolios with the children.

After saying the survey is a one question one, could I be cheeky and ask that you help me fill in the SIP by giving me 'What Three Words' Skeld... when you think of the school what three words (or few words) does it mean to you. I am going to do something similar with the children.

I am interviewing for a learning support worker on Tuesday 29th and also have the vacant post of nursery support worker closing on Monday. I will let you know how things go after this.

Mrs Skinley has now left on her maternity and Miss Wishart has kindly stepped in to fill the gap.

We are covering the nursery vacancy through supply and volunteers until the new person is in post.

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 13th September 2023 Childsmile visit

Friday 6th October 2023 Last day of term

Monday 23rd October 2023 Inservice

Tuesday 24th October 2023 Inservice

Wednesday 25th October 2023 Pupils first day back

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