

Homework –

Friday 13th September 2019



Miss Hall



Dear Parent/Carer

Everything seems to be up and running pretty smoothly at school with lots of trips already pencilled in for this half term: Y1 are going to Twycross Zoo; Y3 are off to Castleton; Y5/6 have visits to the National Coal Mining Museum, and to Bradford to watch Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice. We have a variety of guests in school: a geologist is visiting Y3, and Y5 have a musical composition workshop - and there are lots of other things happening – such as **The Race For Life** on 30th September and **Macmillan Coffee Mornings** (and afternoons) all that week. We are a busy school as everyone knows☺.

Learner of the Week assemblies start next week and we will be giving up to a week's notice now so that it gives parents more time to organise their attendance.

Wednesday afternoons seem to be going well: the only problem has been when parents have not collected their children on time at 1.10pm. The whole point of this exercise is to give quality time for teachers to plan together – so if teachers are looking after children because their parents have not picked them up on time, it ruins the purpose of the afternoon. And remember, teachers are now working a longer week in order to create this space for team planning, so no children miss out. Just a reminder that we are going to start charging parents for looking after their children if they pick them up late, in order to reduce these instances to the minimum (of course, we know sometimes that things happen that can't be prevented so this won't be a blanket charge...)

One of the new things that I am going to implement this year is a **Meet-the-Head Morning** every half term. The first of these is on Thursday 19th September from 8.30 until we have finished. This is just an opportunity for me to think out loud about school and school issues so that parents can get the drift of where we are going and what we are aiming to do. At the same time, parents can ask me any questions that they have about the school and I will try to address them. I am doing this partly in response to the nonsense that has been said about me and the school by some people (hardly any of whom have children at the school) on social media, but partly also because this is a very open school and it's great to meet and talk to parents. I am not sure of a particular format for the meeting – we will just have to see where the meeting takes us☺

Please help us at school by making sure that your child's clothing has their name in it – especially jumpers, cardigans and so on, as they are the items that are most often taken off and then lost. I often pick up sweaters and it is soooooo easy to find the owner if they have a name in them.

Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues...

Signed:

Please make sure that your child's medical details and emergency contact numbers are with the office and up-to-date.

