

Homework –

Friday 10th January 2020



**Mr Brian + Miss
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Dear Parent/Carer

A Happy New Year to all parents, children and the wider school community.

It was quite nice this year to have a two-week Christmas holiday as it allowed us to really get a bit of a breather after a long term. I always enjoy **this** term as it seems to be the time of year when all the hard work of the autumn term begins to bear fruit – children really seem to come alive in their learning and make big strides forward, at the same time as the year starts to make strides forward into the summer months and all that delicious sunshine. I have noticed that the evenings are already brighter (Sunset today is 4.08pm as opposed to 3.47pm on the day we broke up for Christmas – next Friday it will be 4.19pm) these things make a difference: like learning, it might not be clear on a day-to-day basis, but on a weekly or monthly basis, it is quite obvious ☺.

I am back in the classroom for half a term - this week for most of every day, but in future weeks, mainly the morning: this is to cover a Y4 class. If I were in charge of running education across the whole country, I would make it a rule that all Headteachers should teach at least some of the time; because the person running the organisation **has** to have first-hand knowledge of the experience. I believe that a Headteacher should lead by example (I'd get rid of the title, 'Principal' as well...) In addition, I love to teach – I can think of nothing finer than shaping learning.

Towards the end of January, there will be a progress report sent home for all children, and targeted parents evenings so that we can talk to parents of children whom we have specific concerns about. All parents of children with SEN Support Plans will be invited as well as parents of other children where progress may be slow or if there are any other issues. A great way for you, as parents, to help your children, is to go through their homework with them so that you are aware of what your child is learning and how you can best add to their learning – I know with the piece of writing my class are doing for homework, it would be great if a parent engaged with the writing, asking questions and getting them to think through exactly what they were doing.

Finally, I do think it is time that as a school community, we paid more attention to the dreadful influence of the organised gangs in the area that are making many people fearful for their children's safety. We are asking the police to come in and talk to children but we will also be organising events for parents in the near future.

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.