Homework –

Friday 24th January 2020

Mrs Smith

Dear Parent/Carer

Teachers were really touched by the wonderful comments that parents put on their children's homework last week. I think it is absolutely beautiful when parents write proudly about their children – it cannot help but be beautiful because it comes with love. I'm positive that the super comments made children feel loved and feel proud of themselves – and it gave us all a warm glow. We need to do **more of this sort of thing…**

And less of this sort of thing: it happened this week that the school needed to take action when a group of children got together on Snapchat and sent some really unpleasant snapchats to another member of their year group. As a parent of a couple of twenty-somethings, I think I can confidently say that children often do things that their parents would not approve of. Children are very good at keeping things from parents and they often like to experiment in ways that would horrify parents. It is hard to think like a ten-year-old, but we know that they have access to all sorts of trouble if they wish to take it and often they get themselves into trouble by experimenting – like sending unpleasant social media postings, as happened on this occasion. As a school we really would appeal to parents to be **VERY CAREFUL** with mobile phones, tablets, X-boxes and so on, because it is easy to get dragged into misuse if children are not careful. Snapchat has a minimum age of 13 years – and that is for a very good reason – and yet at least half of the Y5 and Y6 have Snapchat.

Parents of all children, from Y6 to Nursery need to keep an eye on what their children are doing…

Any misuse of social media that the school considers to be cyber-bullying will result in an exclusion and a chat with the local police – so please help us to make sure that we don't have to enforce this rule.

Finally, we are having Parents Evenings next week for those children who have been targeted as needing a parent/teacher discussion. If any parent has not been invited but would like to see the teacher, then please contact the office and arrange this…it is targeted, but we don't wish to exclude parents who want access to us.

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.