

Homework –

Friday 9th July 2021



Miss Hethershaw

Dear Parent/Carer

Next week, we will be having the last of our fantastic weeks – Spanish Week, which should be a wonderful experience for our children after all the other brilliant weeks we have had. It's probably a good job that Italy beat them last night at the football, otherwise we **might** have been starting the week with a loss to Spain. There will be lots of tasting next week as well as flamenco dancers, which should be exciting...

I just wanted to remind parents that they can see some of the things we get up to at school (such as these special weeks) on twitter (@headativanhoe) if they would like.

I have just sent a dojo out to parents about the return of school dinners in September. We have decided to go back to Doncaster to see what sort of job they can do for us. The trouble with private companies is that inevitably, they cut corners and the quality of the food suffers: we have had dinners from two private providers and we have ultimately been disappointed with both. Menus and the methods of payment (and cost of meals) will be shared in the weeks ahead as we get them...

Recently, on dojo, a lot of parents expressed a view that they would like to continue to have a staggered start and finish to the day as this makes everything about getting to school easier. I have a lot of sympathy for that view, but the issue is that many parents have children across phases so staggering introduces problems. Although I am still trying to think it through, I cannot see how we could continue to stagger: in the time since march 2020, schools have had flexibility because safety has clearly come first, but that flexibility is being dismantled currently and I think the expectation is that it is 'back to normal' in September. (But things change soooooo quickly, so we can't really be sure...) Until the end of this term, we shall certainly continue with the current timings.

The transition seems to have gone pretty smoothly this week – it is such a thrill to see children suddenly become Juniors and F2 children finding their feet in the KS1 yard...it suddenly makes children seem so grown up! Having an early transition has been a great benefit to this school, so teachers already have a good idea about their children as they plan for the autumn term over the summer holiday (well, they are not going abroad, so they might as well plan ☺)

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.