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**Primary 7 Newsletter
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Welcome Back to P7 from Mr Johanson!

I am delighted to be teaching some of you for a second year! I would like to extend a really warm welcome to everyone joining the class, it has been wonderful getting to know you all.

Despite the difficult circumstances, I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. I am ambitious for every pupil in the class and confident that we will have a successful year. I am looking forward to a wide range of exciting and engaging learning experiences. I am confident P7 will be a brilliant year as we work together to be the best we can be.

Class Behaviour Expectations

At the start of the session we asked ourselves what classroom rules do we think will help everybody to learn and be happy. The class brainstormed rules that they thought were important. These are the rules that P7 decided were the most important:

1. To be kind and respectful to everyone in our community.
2. To not bully.
3. To be polite and not interrupt others when listening.
4. To be the best we can be!!
5. To help others when they are struggling.
6. Make sure everyone is safe.
7. Share your opinions!



We then created a class charter with summertime selfies.

Positive Behaviour

In P7 we are using a behaviour chart. Pupils will get moved up the chart for following the class rules, approaching learning positively and being helpful.

Homework

Homework will be set out on a grid covering Literacy, Numeracy, IDL Topic and Health and Wellbeing. Homework will be posted on seesaw. More information will follow on seesaw at a later point.

PE and Outdoor Learning

PE will take place on a Wednesday and Friday with Mr Cook. Due to current guidelines we are unable to provide changing facilities at this time. Learners can come dressed for PE on the days allocated above.

Current guidelines recommend learners engage in Outdoor Learning opportunities wherever possible. As we move into Autumn and the temperatures and weather begin to change, please ensure your child brings a suitable outdoor jacket to allow us to make use of outdoor facilities.

Teaching and Learning

We will be working extremely hard to raise attainment levels in numeracy and literacy. We will build on the children's prior knowledge and then move forward.

Literacy: We will read *Holes* as our class novel and focus on issues raised throughout including friendship and making positive choices.

Numeracy: Numeracy is taught daily. On Monday we focus on number structure and sequences. Tuesday we work on $+/-$. Wednesday we use \times/\div strategies. Thursdays we develop algebra skills. On Fridays we learn about fractions, decimals and percentages.

Maths: Our termly focus in maths is measure (perimeter, area, volume, capacity, weight and length) and angles.

Health and Wellbeing: Our HWB focus is resilience. This will enable pupils to reflect on their experiences over lockdown and develop the a positive growth mindset moving forward.

Science: Our science topic is chemical reactions.

I work hard to continually give positive reinforcement and support an ethos of aspiration. If a pupil gets to the top of the chart I will ask them at the end of the day what is they think they did so brilliantly. I will summarise this discussion on a certificate.

Seesaw

I will continue to use seesaw in P7. Every pupil has been given login information. Family login information will be handed out week beginning 31st August. Seesaw is a brilliant resource to share learning and celebrate achievement. We have been using it regularly in class.

School Communication

If you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to get in contact. We are trying to minimize the chance of Covid-19 being spread in the playground at the start and end of the school day. Therefore, please arrange a phone call with me to deal with any issues rather than speaking in the playground. If I have any concerns about wellbeing or if there was an incident in the day that I think you should be aware of I will make a call.

- If you need to tell your child about where to go at the end of the day please phone the office. There is no guarantee I will see the message before the end of the day.
- If you have any questions or concerns please phone the school office to arrange a phone call with me. I do not feel comfortable addressing concerns over seesaw.
- Please do not post using your child's account. Their journal is intended to be a record of their development and achievement throughout the year.

I would love if you commented and liked your child's work. It is a wonderful way to build their self-esteem. Please use seesaw posts to discuss what your child has been learning about in school. If you are enjoying the way seesaw is being used or have any ideas please let me know!