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Dear Parent/Carer,

As this term draws to a close I want to thank you for your involvement in school life. As covid restrictions eased, pupils and staff have greatly benefitted from parents and carers being able to be more involved in school.

Parent Contact Meetings

It was lovely to get back to 'normal' and welcome parents and carers back into the building for the parent meetings. The majority of parents opted to attend the appointments in person, giving them a chance to see their child's work. However, there was a significant number who opted for telephone appointments. It would be helpful if you could take a few minutes to complete an evaluation, sharing your thoughts on your experience and improvements we can make.

Nursery parents: <https://forms.office.com/r/epdb84ALw8>

Primary parents: <https://forms.office.com/r/mYR5Q4pSuu>

Open Sessions

As covid restrictions have eased the open sessions for parents are resuming. As nursery parents were not in the nursery for their parent contact meetings they have an open session this Friday. There will also be a nursery open session next term – details will be shared in the nursery news.

Primary parents are welcome to come in on Friday 25th November at 2.45pm. This will give pupils the opportunity to show their parents/carers their classroom and work.

Parent Helpers

A number of parents/carers have been in touch to express a desire to help out either on a regular or one-off basis. Pupils and staff have benefitted greatly from the parents we have already had in and we look forward to more parents contributing to the life and work of the school. Should you wish to volunteer please contact V Marshall.

Active Schools

Parent/carer helpers are also being sought to lead or co-lead sports sessions. The commitment is 30-60 minutes, once a week for 4-6 weeks at lunchtimes or after school. If you are interested in assisting, please contact our Active Schools Coordinator Alison Chapman on 07824 529753 or email: alisonchapman@liveactive.co.uk

Seesaw

Seesaw is used for Nursery to Primary Three pupils – older pupils use Microsoft Teams. We started using the app during lockdown as a way for pupils to share their learning with staff. When pupils returned to school it



was then used for pupils to share homework. Nursery continue to use it to document pupil learning, this has extended into P1. However once pupils are in P2 they use their Learning Logs more to reflect on their learning. As homework has now changed to be reading only, the use of Seesaw has greatly reduced. However, we welcome pupils sharing what they have been reading or other learning at home.

We are aware of some parents having issues with the app if they are using it for more than one child. The fix for this varies depending on the individual devices. Our nursery teacher Mrs Hunter is managing to support parents by phone, email or, sometimes, in person so she can see the device. If you have any technical problems please email breadalbane@pkc.gov.uk for the attention of Mrs Hunter.

Parent Council Whatsapp Groups

A few years ago the Parent Council set up Whatsapp groups for each class as a means for parents to support each other. The links have been sent out to parents, if you would like it resent please contact V Marshall.

I hope that you have an enjoyable holiday from the school environment. We look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday 24th October.

Yours faithfully,

V.L. Marshall.

Mrs Marshall
DHT Primary