

Hi everyone

Well, we did predict that the weather would change for Walktober - and it seems like we were right! We have survived a wet lunch time and I have survived an afternoon in Year R removing soaking wet weather gear, searching for soggy socks and finding dry clothes. And I loved every minute of it!

All of the children in school continue to do really well but we are starting to see signs of tiredness - and not just the Year R children. For most of the children this is their first full time education for more than six months - and so it's no wonder they are tired. As staff we are well aware of this and we are taking account of this when planning their work. We know that there is catching up to be done but we are doing this gradually, and the pace will only increase as their stamina increases.

We are sure you would like to know how your children are settling in, and so, as we can't have physical parents' evenings at the moment, we are going to organise telephone meetings at some point during the last two weeks of this half term. You will be able to book a telephone slot online as you normally would and your child's teacher will call you at your allotted time. However, don't forget if you have a concern before then you can always call school and ask your child's teacher to give you a call before then. You will be notified by text when the appointments have been released.

A few of you have also asked about helping in school. We have always welcomed parents into school to help in a variety of ways and we are keen for this to continue. However, we have decided to wait until after half term so ensure that the children are properly settled and that the climate is right to have more adults in school. Parents who do come in will need to adhere to strict guidelines and will only be able to help in one bubble, outside of the classroom. If you would like to help please let your child's teacher know and agree a time that suits you.

I'm sure you would also like me to thank all of our wonderful staff who, like the children, are also very tired but continue to go out of their way to do their very best for our children.

With best wishes

Jacky