

Weekly Word

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To all Parents/Carers,

Some more great learning happening this week in classrooms and on the playground! A bit of Stone Age art on the left in Y6 and some compass work in Y3 on the right. We have been fortunate again this week with the weather (it's been relatively dry at least!) so the children have been getting outside as much as possible – long may this continue. As I said last week, though this needs organising with staff first, we hope that the children will be able to wear wellies at breaktime/lunchtime during the wet and cold months; saving our carpets and lots of school shoes at the same time!

Speaking of lunchtimes, we are delighted that our new system for serving hot dinners is still going well. This is no small achievement, having spoken to other schools, and I would like to thank the Kitchen and Midday Teams for all their hard work. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the children for adapting so well – particularly those that now have their dinners in the upstairs hall. Well done everyone!

In other news, I met with the new PTFA this morning. They are a very warm and friendly group and have got lots of ideas (all Covid-19 safe) to generate income for the school and maintain that sense of community. I don't know about you but I am missing that interaction with the community. No assemblies in the hall with parents/carers, no PTFA events and just about enough time for a rapid fire hello at the gate, anything that can bring us back together would be most welcome.

It is likely that these ideas, for now anyway, will be online, but they do sound very exciting. Watch this space I guess...I am told that a PTFA newsletter will be out after half term. As always, if you would like to get involved then please let us know.

And finally, in the event of any kind of lockdown the staff have been working really hard to ensure that Remote Learning is good to go should we need it. It's a steep learning curve for us all but I am pleased with where we are at with it. With this in mind, we are asking all Parents/Carers to approach school if they need to borrow any kind of laptop or tablet device in order to access their child(ren)'s Remote Learning. We haven't got a huge number to lend **but if you feel that your child(ren) will not be able to access remote learning without borrowing a device from us then please send an email to the office expressing your interest (admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk).** If the time comes then we would ask you to sign a disclaimer and return it when you have finished. Hopefully schools will stay open throughout any kind of increased restrictions but we are ready just in case.

PS – thank you for all your kind stationery and hamper donations – we've had loads come in! They will be delivered next week to the two schools so thank you again.

Take care and have a lovely weekend,

Mr I. Johnson