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Dear parent/carers,

Happy Friday – I hope you have had a good week.

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend our Information Evenings in the first week where we shared lots of important information about the year ahead. The two main issues that we addressed were around social media usage and communication with school.

- In terms of social media, members of our Polaris Team discussed the issues to look out for with social media with teenagers and some advice around this. Attached with this letter is information about Snap Chat and we will follow up with information on other platforms over the year.
- In terms of communication, we ask you to remember to communicate with school in the right way. Unfortunately, last year some staff did receive unpleasant emails from a small number of parents, and we had to deal with some very challenging phone calls too. Please remember to always communicate politely with staff as we are all working towards the same goal.
- Also with communication, it is important that you remember that you cannot just turn up at school and expect to be able to speak to someone. You really must book a meeting as staff are usually pretty much back-to-back all day with their roles in school.

I know the vast majority of parents always communicate with us in a positive way, but I did think that it was worth highlighting these issues as a reminder.

The lunchtime enrichment timetable started this week with many clubs being attended by all year groups. Our after school extra-curricular timetable is available on our website.

The office has received many lost items please can we remind you to label your child's uniform, equipment, water bottles etc.

Please remember to report your child's absence on class charts.

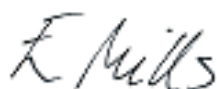
**Dates for your diary**

Houses challenges begin for students.

Thursday 28 September School closes to students at 2.00pm.

Thursday 28 September 2023 School Open Evening for Year 6 from 4.30pm onwards.

Best wishes and take care,



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