

20 October 2023

Dear Families

As we end the half-term, I wanted to reflect on our value of legacy, especially how this relates to our community. It is always a pleasure to welcome our community in, whether this was our Transition Events at the start of term, or welcoming in over 60 primary schools this week. As always, it was our pupils who shone through with staff lining up to tell me how much they enjoyed line ups, speaking to children in the corridors or just listening to our choir.

I also want to thank the record numbers of you who completed our Parent Survey. This is an invaluable resource for us, and this year we joined with all other Ted Wragg Schools that meant over 10000 sets of parents and carers had the chance to voice their opinions.

We are exceptionally proud of the following areas that drew particular praise from our community:

- Our extra-curricular offer, from Chess to Choir, Duke of Edinburgh to Quiet Club, received impressive reviews. We will continue to strengthen these offers and ensure our children take part in a wide range of activities.
- The Transition Process also scored highly, with parents appreciating visits to Primary schools and our three Year 7 only days at the start of the year.
- Finally, we scored high from our KS3 parents about how informed they felt during the process from Year 6 to Year 7 and upwards. We will continue to work at this so that all parents, including Year 10 and Year 11, feel as well informed.

We've also really appreciated feedback in areas where we can make changes. We will be improving on:

- Communication around homework – we aim to have all homework published on ClassCharts, including Sparx Maths & Sparx Reader, so there is a single point for you to monitor what has been set for your child.
- Reporting Academic Progress – we will communicate our reporting schedule over the next half-term, as well as where you can find live information about your child's progress.
- Ensuring our approach to any concerns around peer groups is communicated to you - this includes making sure any parent who has a concern is made aware of what the process looks like and what the possible outcomes can be.

We aim to complete this over the coming half-term and would appreciate your feedback on this once changes are in place.

We wish you and your families a very good half-term. I hope it is a relaxing time for you all and we will be asking staff to close down their laptops too. Because of this, if you have any safeguarding concerns please use the asapsafeguarding@asap.org.uk address that will be monitored.

We look forward to seeing our **Year 11 students (only) on Thursday 2nd November** and then to welcoming the whole school back on **Monday 6th November**.

Key Dates 2023-24

Mon 23 Oct – Fri 3 Nov:	Half-term break
Monday 6 November:	First day of Half-term 2
Monday 11 December:	Non-pupil day
Friday 15 December:	Last day of Half-term 2
Mon 18 Dec – Tue 2 Jan:	Christmas Holiday break
Wednesday 3 January 2024:	Non-pupil day
Thursday 4 January:	First day of Half-term 3
Thursday 4 January:	Year 11 Parents Evening (& Mock results day)

Safeguarding

If there is an emergency situation, please contact 999.

For non-emergency situations where emergency services are needed, please contact 101.

If you're worried about a child or young person and believe they are at risk of harm, even if you're unsure, call 01752 668000 or email gateway@plymouth.gov.uk or outside of normal working hours call Plymouth Out of Hours Service on 01752 346984.

The Gateway service is made up of multi-agency professionals who can give you advice, information and support. You can also contact the NSPCC (0808 800 5000) or Childline (0800 1111) if you want to talk to someone about your concerns and get advice.

<https://www.kooth.com/> Kooth is an online mental wellbeing community that is also able to provide support. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing and wish to contact us, please use safeguarding@asap.org.uk. This email inbox will be monitored throughout the holiday but will not be able to respond to any emergency situation.

<https://asap.org.uk/safeguarding/> Please use this link for more safeguarding information.

For non-safeguarding issues, please email SLT@asap.org.uk who will pick it up as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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