7th November 2019

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

**It’s getting busy….**

**Promptness**

* **Please have children ready for pick up by 8:50am**
* **PLEASE BE OUTSIDE OF COLLECTION DOOR BY 3:15PM. THIS NOT HAPPENING IS A SAFETY ISSUE.**

**Infant children going to clubs or Darwin’s Den need to be escorted; we don’t want them going alone as school is incredibly busy at this time yet staff cannot do this as they are waiting for late parent pick-ups, not just occasionally but often and a lot of children. At this time teachers also have children arriving in their rooms or gathering elsewhere for clubs they lead who also need supervision. Our priority is always the safety of children and that means knowing where they are and being with them. We are extremely concerned that this is being compromised by teachers having to wait to hand over children to late parents, look after arrivals to their own club and take children where they need to be.**

**On another level all this waiting around means some children not starting their club or getting to Darwin’s Den until 3.30pm or even later which is unfair on them.**

* **CLUBS FINISH AT 4.00PM (TAEKWONDO AT 4.30PM) Staff giving up their time to lead clubs should not still be waiting for pick-ups 10, 15 or 20 minutes later. Traffic delays etc can happen but too many parents are regularly arriving late. This can also be distressing to a child.**

**I have said many times I know of no other school who offer as many free after school clubs; we love doing it but I will not put children at risk nor ask staff to give up precious time if I do not see changes in this.**

**Thank you to the vast majority who are on time every time for drop off and pick up!!**

**Environment week**

Next week we are having an environment week with wide ranging activities for children.

Reception will be planting bulbs around the school playing field

Years 1 and 2 will be making bird feeders

Year 3 will be taking part in the Environment Agency’s Yellow Fish Project learning about what should and shouldn’t go down our drains

Year 4 will be planting trees with the Marshall’s Arm management group

Year 5 will be visiting the recycling centre in Winsford

Year 6 will be taking part in the RSC River Guardian project

There will also be a whole school community litter pick on Thursday 14th November and we would welcome support from parents.  If you are able to help us please meet in the hall at 9am on the 14th.

Next week is also national anti-bullying week and to mark this we will be watching a performance called ‘Agents of Change’ on Monday and working in class to see how change can start with us.

**Children In Need**

Friday 15 Nov is Children in Need. In order to support this worthy cause our school council have asked that we come to school looking wacky with a donation of £1.  This could be wild hair, mismatched clothes or a combination of the two!

As always thank you for your support

Yours sincerely

Adam Croft