

## Dunalley Update – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

The air has felt very autumnal this week but we have been fortunate to still complete many outdoor activities. Please make sure that your child dresses warmly on PE, Commando Joe and Forest School days. A coat is necessary for playtimes and lunchtimes and wellies are a good idea for wet days. Please ensure that all items are named. Thank you.

Year 5 wrote letters to the Prime Minister and Alex Chalk MP about climate change based on their work around Oliver Jeffers' book, Here We Are: Notes for living on Planet Earth. Today they have received an email from Alex Chalk with responses to their letters and they are hoping to set up a Zoom meeting with him to discuss this further when a suitable date can be arranged.

### Half term holidays

A reminder that school half term starts on THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER so our last day for this half term is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We will look forward to seeing you all again on MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER.

### Reminder: No October half-term holiday club

We are unable to offer our holiday club facility until further notice, we are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

### Microsoft Teams – homework and home learning Years 1 - 6

As of Thursday, an incredible 88% of children across years 1 to 6 have accessed Microsoft Teams to view and complete their homework. What a fantastic effort! A big thank you to families for engaging with this platform and for responding to our survey. As expected, there have been a handful of technical issues but the office has worked very hard to reset passwords and to attempt to resolve problems where required.

A video explaining how to use this platform has been produced by Mr Jones and can be accessed using this link:

<https://dunalleyps.schoolzineplus.co.uk/introduction-to-home-learning>

Please take the time to watch it and set up the platform.

Reception children will continue to use Tapestry as their platform for receiving homework tasks and home learning. Thank you to all parents for using this platform since the summer.

YEAR 1 –6, MORE HOMEWORK HAS BEEN SET FOR THIS WEEK. PLEASE CHECK YOUR TEAM.

### REMINDER - Free fruit for snack time

We are pleased to inform families that we will be providing free fruit in KS2. You will be aware the government run a free fruit initiative for our KS1 children and have done for a few years, as a school we wanted to extend this to our older children. You will still be able to provide your child with an alternative healthy snack if you wish to.