Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had a lovely summer and got to enjoy time with your family. We are already well into the swing of primary 7 and have decided on rules to help the organisation of our class. These will work alongside the Golden Rules. These are:-

- 1. Be responsible.
- 2. Don't talk when someone else is.
- 3. Respect one another.
- 4. Have some humour.
- 5. Don't swear.
- 6. Be polite to others.
- 7. Silent working.
- 8. Have fun.

If a child should consistently break the rules they will be given a warning and then start to lose Golden Time.

This term our specialist teachers are Mrs Middleton, who will be in class on a Monday teaching science and Miss Ruxton, who will be in class on a Friday, teaching French. Our PE this term will be bikeability on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning and children will need to remember to bring their bikes, helmets and a jacket for those days and also a plastic bag to cover their saddle should there be a chance of inclement weather. The PE lesson on a Friday afternoon will be led by the pupils as they are working towards their Young Leaders award. This will allow them to take groups of younger children to teach them playground games, passing on their skills and teaching them responsibility. They will need PE shorts and shoes for this lesson.

Reading will be taught twice a week and will usually be accompanied by a book detective task. Homework will be given out on Tuesday and I would expect it to be returned by the following Monday. This will be a mix of maths, topic and language homework. Children are responsible for making sure homework is completed and handed in on time but I would appreciate if you would encourage them to do so. It is difficult to please everyone when it comes to the amount of set homework, but children can always benefit from revision of times tables, researching aspects of the topic and even taking an interest in current affairs through watching the news and reading the newspapers, if you feel they haven't enough.

Our topic this term is the Highland Clearances and this will be used as the catalyst for our language, art, drama and life skills such as cooking, map reading and research.

Our focus for maths this term will be on consolidating our times tables and applying them in division and fraction problems. We will also focus on the revision and progression of mental maths strategies.

Could you please make sure your child has indoor shoes as the carpets in school have recently been replaced.

I look forward to meeting you all on Tuesday 20th September 2016 for Meet the Teacher from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. There will be a chance for personal discussion about your child in November when we have Parent's evening.

If you have any concerns or need to speak to me please call the office or pop a note in the diary and I will get back to you as early as possible.

Kind Regards

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