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Dear Parents

Homework

You will have received an email earlier today outlining how we are going to move to paperless homework from next Wednesday. After some successful trials with our current Year 6 and the pupil voice team it will be delivered via Google Classroom for Years 1 - 6. You will be familiar with some of the Google tools as we used them to provide support during our school closure. If you have any issues or questions please contact Mr Jarvis.

TikTok

We have been made aware of increasingly inappropriate and/or distressing posts being placed on the social media platform TikTok. We know that this platform is becoming more and more popular with young people. We understand that TikTok has been asked to remove such content but it is likely that these videos have moved to other platforms and may still be viewable.

Please encourage your child to discuss with you any concerns that they have following their use of social media. In addition, feel free to contact the school should you require any support. Please review the information below regarding TikTok, including: Age restrictions (it has a minimum age of 13), Risks, Parental Controls, Account Settings, How to filter inappropriate content and Reporting content

Parent info: <https://parentinfo.org/article/tiktok-what-parents-need-to-know>

Internet matters: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Parent Consultations

These are for all year groups and will take place on Monday 5th and Wednesday 7th October between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. They will be virtual consultations and will be able to be booked via your child's online account at www.scopay.com or via their app. We will publish more information on how to book these shortly. In the meantime if you have not yet set up your child's online account please do this as soon as possible. If you require another activation code to be emailed to you, please contact the school office.

Golf competition

Calling any KS2 golfers...if you play golf and are capable of completing a 9 hole course would you like to represent the school in a golf competition? If so, please email Mrs Anderson at donna.anderson@dsmpprimary.essex.sch.uk

Vacancy - Midday Hall Assistant

We have a vacancy within our catering team for a midday hall assistant starting as soon as possible. We pay £9.32 per hour and are looking for someone to work Monday to Friday from 11:45 to 13:15

during term time. We have significant risk assessments in place as well as new operating procedures to ensure the safety and well-being of our staff during this unusual time. If you are interested then please contact the office via admin@dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk to get additional information and/or an application form. The closing date for applications is Friday 19th September 2020 and all applicants will undergo pre-employment checks including a DBS check.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 14th September	
MONDAY	Reception children in 8.55 – 12.30 (stay for lunch)
TUESDAY	Reception children in 8.55 – 12.30 (stay for lunch)
WEDNESDAY	Reception children in full time
THURSDAY	Y4 River Walk

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths