

## Message from the Director of Education

Just short of a full week back and already we feel into the swing of the new term!

A big thank you to all those who managed to come to our **Welcome Back Evening** on Tuesday. Your attendance was much appreciated and no doubt your children will also benefit from the fact that you were able to hear directly from teachers about what to expect this term and how best to support your child's learning in the home.

As it came up in a number of talks, I have attached the School's Assessment and Tracking Policy again for your information. For Pre-Primary parents, although it primarily serves the primary age group, within the policy there is information about Classroom Monitor which the early year's department is now using to track attainment and progress. For those of you in Reception, it also outlines the approach we use as children move up the school, in addition of course, to good old fashioned observation and professional instinct! To find out more you can also visit [www.classroommonitor.co.uk](http://www.classroommonitor.co.uk)

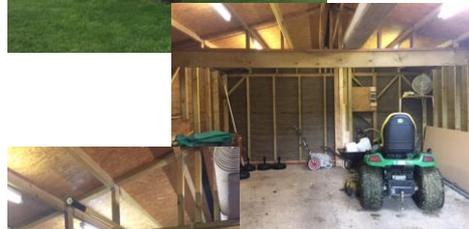
As requested at the Welcome Back Evening, please take the time to read this week's comms and keep an eye on the website calendar for any updates. A good tip is to download the **Parentmail App**, so that you are alerted of any updates and emails without having to trawl through hundreds of emails - if your inbox is anything like my 3 (yes, I have 3!) this is a particularly useful app to have.

Can I take this opportunity to remind primary parents of our **Golden Comment Box**. Any achievements or 'shout outs' to your child please share them with us by



posting them in the box and they will be read out during community meeting or at the end of the weekly assembly.

Now....for my BIG request! I am looking for a handy bunch of M'bk **angels** to transform just under 2 thirds of our timber shed, into an art and DT room! My 'vision' is a simple one (!)



involving basic boarding out, partitioning of the shed, windows, a door and

running cold water. There is already electricity. Do we have **ANY** kind hearted and handy volunteers who don't have enough to do at weekends or evenings to help us make this dream a reality?! The school can cover the cost of materials but with the extension imminent, it is a project that will not happen soon enough to benefit the children if we don't turn it into a DIY project! If we could get together a band of merry men (and/or of course women) the children would be so excited. Please let me know.

I hope to see as many of you as possible tomorrow after drop off for the first **FoMM Coffee Morning** of the year. **9-10am @ Primary.**

*Serena*

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## Pre-Primary Parent Workshop THIS THURSDAY 7-9pm

Whilst Barbara's invite letter states a 7.30 start for the Practical Life & Sensorial Curriculum Workshop, please note that at 7pm, **Matthew Clark** (School Business Manager) will be providing a brief update to Pre-Primary parents on the latest **planning/relocation and heating** situation. If you would like to attend this update but will not be staying for the workshop, this is absolutely fine.

## Last Orders for Uniform Please!

Please note Claudia will be placing **LAST** orders for uniform tomorrow until the next window for ordering from the Uniform Shop opens again on **17th November-8th December**. We will then place one big order on the last day of term, 8th December. If the size you previously ordered does not fit, please email admin to order a new size today. Thank you!

**P.S. On the subject of uniform, DID YOU KNOW that navy, white and sports socks can be purchased from school for £4.50 per pack of 5. Please ask me for more details. Only size 12 ½ to 3 ½ available.**

**Also, please be reminded that Stevensons are ONLY supplying the tracksuit jacket. As this is made by them, if you are told they are out of stock, they will need to order the size you require for you. Please let us know if you have any issues with this and we will contact them on your behalf.**