



Weekly Learning Summary

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Dates for your Diary – More Confirmed Next Week	
Oct	24 th – Autumn disco 28 th – wear yellow for Hospice day please – Fiona singing to us in assembly as she practices for Ness Factor! (She's Hannah in P7's mum)
Nov	14 th , 15 th school photographer 18 th Children in Need
Dec	9 th MFR Cash for Kids Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch 13 th 9.30 am ELC – P3 Christmas concert 14 th 1.45pm ELC – P3 Christmas Concert 20 th – P4-7 school parties 21 st – P1-3 school parties 21 st – Smithton Community Choir to sing at local Christmas Service at Smithton Church 22 nd – ELC Christmas Parties 22 nd 9.30 – Christmas end of term service at Smithton Free Church

As part of our school improvement agenda it's important that we focus on what is really needed and not just doing the same as other schools or just because we 'feel' it's the right thing to do. It must be evidence based. One of the ways we gather the evidence of what we're doing well and what we could improve on is by talking to the children in their classes, speaking with staff about the children's work, checking all the resources are fit for purpose and getting into each other's classrooms. November and January are the two months where Mr Lyon and I spend a week with each class getting to know them better as a group and what is working for them. As parents and carers you will receive a link to a short video as well as a letter stating what we have found. As we were unable to go in and out freely to classes for the last couple of years we are really looking forward to having close conversations with staff and young people about their learning. Staff and young people will then get the opportunity to see what it's like in other classes later on in the year. We're never finished learning and never resting – there's always something we can do better!

It's also when we focus on attendance and lateness. While we want children only to be in school when they are fit and healthy we also want them to understand how important it is to be on time: if a child is late consistently count up the missing hours of learning over a week or month. If you have concerns about your child getting to school or wanting to stay off do make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher or keyworker in nursery so we can get to the bottom of any issue. It's also a good role model for them to understand that mental well being must be discussed and issues dealt with rather than buried away...

If your child has an inhaler can you have another conversation please about when to use it? If you're not sure always go back to your GP to get a print out of the dosage or when it should be used. There is talk in many communities about inhalers being abused and shared with those who don't need them...substance misuse is part of our health programme but it's only to add to what discussions you have as parents at home.

Have a good week,



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