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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well and are looking forward to the October break. This letter contains information about what has been happening in the school this term and upcoming events.

### **School Lunches**

I am delighted to announce that school lunches will be returning to normal after the October break. Health and Safety colleagues have confirmed that we can go back to some kind of normality. I would urge you to continue to use ParentPay to credit your child's account. No pre-ordering will be necessary from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Challenge Poverty Week Events**

Next week we will be helping raise awareness of the poverty that exists in our society. So far, we have had assemblies highlighting many of the issues people in our local communities' face. In class we will have lessons focusing on the causes of modern poverty and asking what we can do to end it.

We will be inviting young people to help on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October by bringing a donation for our local foodbank partners.

On Thursday we would welcome any donations to collections for other good causes. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> will be non-uniform days. It is important to note that our young people do **not** need to donate to be in non-uniform. The non-uniform days are a reward for wearing their school uniform from the start of term.

### **Interim Reports**

This term we have had three (virtual) Parents Meetings and we look forward to our S5/6 and S1 meetings after the October break. We hope to be able to have these in school face to face but I will confirm arrangements soon. In addition to these meetings, you will receive an interim report via email with an update on your child's progress.

I had initially hoped to have a report to you this week however, a number of subjects requested that we hold off until next week. The reason for this is that many subjects are still completing assessments in class, and they are keen to have these reflected in the interim report.

You will receive an interim report before the October break.

## Macmillan Events

I am delighted to announce that our Macmillan events are back this year. Many fundraising activities have been completed or are underway and our main fundraising events in school will begin on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Our Macmillan Team will be in touch with all of the details.

## Lateral Flow Testing

Just to remind you that we do have a stock of Lateral Flow Testing kits available to all young people. If you have not completed a permission form for your child and you wish them to participate, please contact the school office and we can make arrangements for a kit to be picked up.

## October Holiday


The school will close on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 14.30 and reopen on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 08.30. I hope you have a great break.

## Communication

If you have any questions about the details of this letter please contact your child's year head at [alva@edu.clacks.gov.uk](mailto:alva@edu.clacks.gov.uk)

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Yours faithfully



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