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Dear families

Another positive week at Dixons Fazakerley draws to a close with students working hard and enjoying their learning; as I write this I can hear students learning about and responding to questions on the Second World War, the Water Cycle and the Human Body. I really enjoy the fact that our focus is increasingly on our learning habits in the classroom.

Appreciations

As always there is a range of achievements in this week's appreciations and students have worked so hard to do the right thing, value everyone and climb their mountain this week – please see the list of appreciations below:

<https://www.dixonsfa.com/about/appreciations>

Communication

I have always said that communication remains one of our biggest challenges and we continue to work in partnership with families to try and improve this. We obviously have our weekly updates, alongside our appreciations, text messages home, our website, parents evenings, student reports and our drop ins but we recognise sometimes situations require more than this. We endeavour to respond to emails and calls within two working days and I would ask families to understand that we do need time to look into matters when they are raised. In recent days, a small number of families have asked for immediate responses from colleagues and have become frustrated when our process and timings are explained – we will look to help and support as quickly as we can but we are not an emergency service and cannot respond accordingly. Please work with us and I would remind all families that all colleagues in our school have chosen to serve you and our community and we are all striving to do the best we can for every child.

PE Kit

We have been informed by the uniform shops that our PE quarter zip top is now available in store if your child requires one; priced between £20 and £23 they provide an extra layer of warmth as the days get a little colder.

Social Media Concerns

Please support your child's wellbeing and the culture in our wider community by monitoring what your child is sharing, looking at and being exposed to on social media. We see arguments and conflict in school as a result of behaviours on social media and if properly monitored, I think lots of families would be able to resolve these at best or stop their child from engaging at least. Let's work together to tackle one of the least positive influences on our young people in society – the use of social media at such a young age needs careful teaching and support and we will be focusing on this in our forthcoming safeguarding newsletter.

Yours faithfully

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