

23 October 2020

Dear Families,

On behalf of the pastoral team, I would like to wish families a restful half term. We can reflect on a significant number of successes over this half term. Students have been fantastic at re-settling into their routines and it has been lovely to have everyone back in school after an extended time away. Students have been very responsible both in and out of lessons (including remote lessons) and have taken responsibility for their learning and progress. Many Achievement Points have been awarded for a range of reasons - particularly pleasing is that over 16,000 Achievement Points have been awarded to students for showing an excellent attitude towards learning and excellent classwork.

Additionally, students have been able to gain Achievement Points this academic year for displaying The Misbourne values of Ambition and Pride, Kindness and Respect, Equality and Moral Purpose, and Resilience and Teamwork. It is wonderful to see our students demonstrating these values on a daily basis both in school and out in our community.

Our smaller schools of Attenborough, Franklin, Holmes and Turing are embedding well and the friendly competition between them is hotting up. I know many of our families have seen the regular updates on Twitter attesting to this! Reflecting on this half term our schools are particularly proud of the following:

**Attenborough** – Team Attenborough has been impressed by the way that students have applied themselves in lessons and have really taken an interest in their own learning and progress.

**Franklin** – Team Franklin is really pleased with students' positive attitude in school. This is reflected by all students in Franklin and can be seen through the strong number of Achievement Points that have been received this half term. Go Team Green!

**Holmes** – Team Holmes is very impressed with how its students have adapted to a challenging start to the academic year and have really embodied The Misbourne values, particularly great resilience!

**The Misbourne continues to be a Good School:**

*“A culture of ambition permeates the school; students are at the heart of everything the school does”*

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**Turing** – Team Turing is really pleased with how its smaller community has come together so quickly. You really feel you are part of the team and everyone, students and staff alike, have been so supportive of one another.

Please could I take the time to remind families of the following important messages:

As the weather starts to worsen, please could we ask that students are suitably attired with appropriate wet weather clothing. This should include a waterproof coat. A reminder to families that students should not be wearing hoodies to school.

Please can we remind students to bring their face masks to school every day and to maintain social distancing both in school and out in our community.

Attendance is also key. As you are aware, there is a clear link between good attendance and progress and attainment. All students should be striving to achieve at least 96% attendance over the course of this academic year so that they give themselves every opportunity to succeed. On the occasion that your child is unable to attend school, please would you let the Attendance Team know via email ([attendance@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:attendance@themisbourne.co.uk)) or the school phone number before 8.30am each day your child is absent.

As we look forward to next half term I would ask you to talk to your child and reflect on what they are pleased with this half term and what targets they want to achieve next half term.

Have a lovely break.

Yours faithfully,



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