

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to inform you of a few updates and changes that will take place after half term.

1. **Bug Club** – thank you to those of you who have asked about the scheme. I am pleased to tell you that we will be using Bug Club again after half term. The children will receive their login details in the first week back so please do check that they work at your earliest convenience and inform us of any issues.
2. **Class Dojo** – please be advised that the messenger service on the app will not be used by teachers as a way of communication with parents and carers as this is the school policy. We are more than happy to receive messages with reminders or information about your child. However, we are unable to reply to them directly. Any communication that needs to take place with the class teacher can do so through email, phone call or conversation at the end of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.
3. **Parents Evening** – please note that this year, for the first time, we are using an ‘online booking system.’ This enables you to choose the time slot that would best suit you to visit the teacher and makes you aware of slots that have already been booked. You will need to book three, five-minute slots. One for your child’s form tutor, English teacher and Maths teacher. Appointments can be booked at:

pickhurst.parentseveningsystem.co.uk

The dates for the Year 4 Parents Evening are:

- Monday 7th November until 5:30pm
 - Tuesday 8th November until 5:30pm
 - Thursday 10th November until 7:00pm
4. **PGL** – next half term we will be informing the parents who will be required to help at PGL in May 2017. Thank you to those of you who have volunteered – both the staff and pupils are very grateful for the generous offer of your time - without you, the trip could not go ahead.

Finally, I wanted to thank you all for your continued support so far this year. We hope your children have enjoyed their first half term in Year 4 and we look forward to seeing you all again on the 31st October.

I wish you all and your families a safe and enjoyable half term break.

Kind regards,

Mr Finch (Head of Year 4)