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Dear Parents,

**Parents Evenings:** As mentioned, we will be holding our first virtual parent evenings next Monday and Tuesday after school. I know other schools have been running similar evenings with mixed fortunes. Many schools are using the School Cloud system we have opted for and potentially the strain on the system in the last week of half term may be very great.

We have heard of similar evenings crashing and some appointments not working. In the event of this happening please don't panic, we will reschedule meetings or think of an alternative for the very near future (not on the night). Hopefully, all will go to plan.

Having looked at the set up and had a practice, it would be good if parents ensure they are logged in and ready to go at least 5 minutes prior to the start time of the meeting. If you arrive late (unlike in the real world) your timer will start to count down and you may end up with a very short meeting. Also, during the meeting there is a countdown clock in the corner of the screen. When time is up, the Cloud shuts the meeting down. I know the staff are keen for me to share this with you. If the meeting comes to an abrupt end it will be because the time has run out not because staff members have pressed a button.

As mentioned previously, this meeting will be a short one focussing on how your child has settled back into school this term. More detailed meetings will take place later in the year.

#### Atlas Sports

This will be running again during half term. To book a place please visit [www.atlascamps.co.uk](http://www.atlascamps.co.uk)

**PTA:** The PTA are planning a **Halloween Pumpkin Trail** for **Saturday 31st October**. They need volunteers to make pumpkins and leave them outside their properties where they can be seen from the road. If anyone would like to make a pumpkin (or if you don't have time to make one but are happy to display one) please contact [bussageprimarypta@hotmail.com](mailto:bussageprimarypta@hotmail.com) or speak to **Liz Grange** (one of the Rainbows parents).

**School Office:** A reminder that we are still taking orders and payments for Christmas Cards, requests for school photographs and flu immunisation forms.

**The Promise:** It seems a long time ago that we had our highly successful **One Planet Week**. A lot has happened since then. As a school, we are still really keen to continue to help the children learn about the Green agenda as we seek to interweave this into our curriculum work. I wanted to let you know that there is a screening today of a BBC short film called **The Promise** based on the beautiful picture book of the same name by **Nicola Davies** and illustrated by **Laura Carlin**. The link to the screening is

[https://www.thepromise.earth/?fbclid=IwAR1pub2G3T9HbkyCmPvroVxrzfur4ISp59r-rhGPjbnbf4ff-Nqlc4hLb\\_c](https://www.thepromise.earth/?fbclid=IwAR1pub2G3T9HbkyCmPvroVxrzfur4ISp59r-rhGPjbnbf4ff-Nqlc4hLb_c)

Kind regards

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