



Newsletter

Valley Invicta Primary School @

Kings Hill

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We are **W**elcoming

to **E**veryone.

Learning is central.

Communication is consistent.

Outstanding is our constant goal.

Experiences are **M**emorable.

We are **E**qual.

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the second Newsletter this week!

I am aware that there is a lot of information to share, so I am sending out another letter. Newsletters will usually be sent out weekly, as they were last year.

Thank you once again, for your communication regarding drop-off arrangements. I hope the letter sent on Friday went a long way to alleviate concerns, and we will continue to monitor the situation.

I am going to discuss the issue with the **Parent Forum** on **Tuesday 11th September at 6pm**, so please do share your ideas and comments with them, or contact me directly.

Values

As I mentioned in the first letter, our school values are currently:

Perseverance Kindness Independence Enjoyment Aspiration

We are continuing to discuss these with the children and ensure that they represent the **W.E.L.C.O.M.E.** that we want to stand for in our school.

Please do discuss your thoughts at home too, and e-mail your ideas in.

My e-mail address is s.guthrie@kingshill.viat.org.uk

Thank you!

Summer Learning Challenges

Please look out for a gallery of Summer Learning this week on the school website. If you still have work to bring in, please could we have it by **Friday 14th September**.

Many thanks.

We will be giving prizes each term for high quality and consistently completed homework.

First impressions project

As Mrs Covey's letter stated, this exciting project has been designed to enable the children to **discover** something new and to immediately experience success. We really look forward to sharing the learning with you at the Showcase Supper on 11th October 5pm. If you have a spare old large shirt or t-shirt that the children could wear, please do bring it in. Thank you.

PESE 11+

Well done to all the children who sat these tests last week. Everyone did themselves proud! We really want to support families with preparation for external testing, so if you have a tutor who you would recommend, we are happy to share their information via the school website. Please get in touch with the school office.

PGL School Residential for Year 6

We have booked an exciting residential week for Year 6 pupils for Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July in 2019. If you are a year 6 parent, we are holding an information event prior to the Year 6 Class assembly on **Wednesday 17th October at 8.30am** in the hall. At this meeting you will find out all about the residential and the payment methods, which you will be able to spread over the year. The children are going to be on holiday with Year 6 pupils from Leybourne Chase primary, another of the Valley Invicta primary schools.

Safety on the Climbing Apparatus

Please ensure that your child does **NOT** use the new climbing apparatus before and after school. This is to avoid accidents, especially involving pre-school children. Thank you so much for your vigilance with this.

Wake and Shake

The children are really enjoying the opportunity to Wake and Shake in the morning before entering classes.

If you are able to stay and want to join in, please do.

The session will start just after 8.25am to enable the children to get into school for 8.30am.

Dojo Reward Points

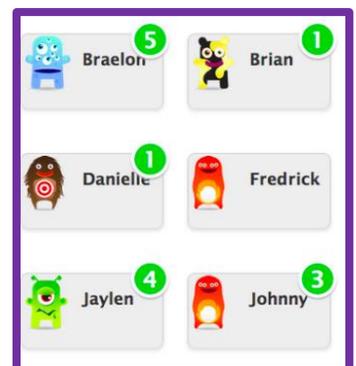
From this week the children will be starting a new whole school reward system called **Dojo points**. Some classes were using this system last year.

You will receive a letter about this, inviting you sign up to receive text alerts when your child achieves a point in school. You can also receive messages from your child's teacher e.g. reminders about events, and also photographs of work etc.

The system will enable you to comment on your child's achievement, **but the teachers will not be able to comment back.**

However, of course do use the end of the day to discuss these achievements with them on the playground.

House Points



The children will continue to be awarded House Points for achievement and learning in P.E. and these points will be collected in the same way as before and reported to you through the Weekly Newsletters.

Recognition Awards

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

The children and staff have been identifying pupils who **always** do the right thing in school, and in addition to adults and visitors, certain children have been selected to award others recognition awards this term.

Any child who has achieved one of these awards will get a special Dojo Point and the child per class who has achieved the most recognition awards each week will get a certificate in our achievement assembly, which are held every Thursday.

Shhhh... Secret Reader

We are passionate about reading at our school! Mrs Bone and her team instilled a real love of reading in the children, which we want to continue and build on. One way we are going to do this is through an opportunity for you to come in and read with your child and their friends, **without them knowing!**

The idea is that we will hold several events during the year, and you just 'appear' at these and come and enjoy some stories with the children, without them knowing you were coming. You might like to bring in your child's favourite book, or just come and share one from the book corner in the class or the library.

All the dates for the year are listed below, so that you can book an hour off work if you need to.

In order that we have some parents at each event, please could we ask that you **book in to the event through the office, either by e-mail or phone.**

We have varied the days of the week and of course, will enable you to read with all of your children at the same event if you have several children in different classes.

The dates are:

Wednesday 17th October 2.30pm

Monday 17th December 2.30pm

Thursday 14th February 2.30pm

Wednesday 3rd April 2.30pm

Wednesday 22nd May 2.30pm

Tuesday 9th July 2.30pm

5 x Reading

The children are being asked to read **5 x a week** either through sharing a book with a family member, reading aloud or reading to themselves. If your child has successfully done this, please ensure that they have had their reading record signed 5 times in order that this can be recognised. 5 x reading children are collated each week, and the class with the highest percentage get a certificate to display on the classroom door.

A graph displaying all the reading percentages for each class will be shared in each achievement assembly.

The class which has achieved the highest percentage of 5 x reading for the term, gets a certificate and to wear their own clothes on the last day of each term.

Clubs

A letter has gone out today highlighting the staff-led clubs running this term. We will try to accommodate as many children as possible, and will put your child on a waiting list if they do not get the club they want first time. Please sign up for a club through the school office, or e-mail the office direct.

Thank you.

Volunteering

If you would like to help out in school, we have so many ways that you can be involved, e.g.

Reading

Supporting in the library

Working on creative arts projects

Administration jobs

Researching ideas for working with the community

Marketing

We will ask you to complete a Basic Disclosure Screen (DBS) and give you training and support. Even if you have some time at home, we have lots of ways in which you can support.

Please come and see us if you are free.

Meet Mrs Guthrie meetings

These meetings will be at 2.30pm on most Mondays in term and start Monday 10th September. Please book a slot in the office then come along if you would like to see me and share ideas or raise an individual concern.

If you cannot make these times, just send me an e-mail.

The school office

We have successfully appointed a replacement for Mrs Mason, who has gone to work at her daughter's school locally. Mrs Sarah Atkinson, an experienced school administrator, will start with us at the end of the month.

Until then, Mrs Hennon from East Borough Primary school will be in our office on a Monday, and Mrs Capon from Aylesford Primary school on a Tuesday.

Our thanks go to both these ladies and schools in our Trust for sharing staff, I know you will make everyone feel so welcome.

Website

We are currently updating the school website, please do keep having a look to keep up to date with news and events.

Thank you.

Play 4 Ages

Our new Breakfast and After School club providers are proving popular with the children. If you require provision, please do contact the school office.

Best wishes,
Mrs Guthrie

Dates for the term Please see diary dates document sent out on a Friday. **Additional dates will be added through the term, so please see this each week.**

