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Date: 5th September 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the first Weekly Newsletter of the new year!

As a team, we are extremely grateful to Mrs Bone and all the previous staff for their help and support in the last weeks of term.

We are all excited and motivated to give your children the very best educational experience we can over the forthcoming year.

These Newsletters will give you information, celebrate achievements and give you a snapshot of 'great learning' going on in our school.

Vision and Values

As with all new starts, it is a useful time to reflect and review what we stand of as a school family.

As Headteacher, my vision is to ensure that we

W.E.L.C.O.M.E. you.

In the entrance we have set out our vision using this acronym as you can see.

We are **W**elcoming

to **E**veryone.

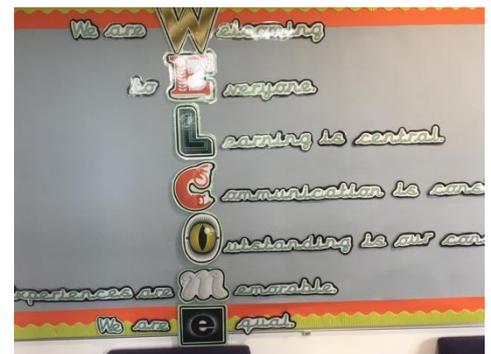
Learning is central.

Communication is consistent.

Outstanding is our constant goal.

Experiences are **M**emorable.

We are **E**qual.



We would like to review our school values, just to make sure that we all know them well, and that they are central to our improvement journey.

Values are currently:

Perseverance Kindness Independence Enjoyment Aspiration

Please could you talk to your child about these. Please e-mail your ideas in, regarding your thoughts on the current values, and any suggestions for change, addition or a new slant.

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

Thank you!

Summer Learning Challenges

We are all so impressed by the amazing homework that the children have produced!

It is truly stunning and we will be celebrating it fully with certificates, displays and a gallery on the website.

Watch this space.

If you have not had a chance to complete the homework OR did not receive a sheet home, do not worry, please talk to you class teacher and give in the homework by **Friday 14th September**.

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

HOMEWORK

Weekly homework will be sent out every week on a Wednesday and collected in on a Monday for all year groups. There will be a termly project to work on as well.

PESE 11+

Well done to the children sitting this assessment tomorrow. The tests will start at 9am. Please could you make sure that your child is well rested and hopefully relaxed. We will support each child to do their best, but really nurture them through as well.

The other children will spend the test sessions with year 5.

School Lunches

I have had several meetings with The Contract Dining Company, and am excited to be developing a plan of events linked to healthy eating for the children throughout the year.

We are also holding a **Showcase supper 11th October 5pm** to see the school and enjoy a tasting supper with your family. Please come along.

Meals are £2.30 per day and £11.50 per week for KS2 children unless your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium.

If you think you could be eligible for this, please come and see the office.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is in winter uniform this term. For details, please see the website or come into the school office.

Parent and Friends Association (PTA)

We are so lucky to have you all supporting the children through funding raising so successfully, and it is wonderful that you have already raised so much money.

A HUGE Thank you!

As outlined in the previous Newsletter, we would like to begin to order some playground markings, equipment and games.

As you will see, we have had significant investment in the wonderful climbing frame.

In addition to this, we will work with the children to choose resources that reach most children and can be flexible.

One idea is to have the playground marked in different ways for running and jumping distances. We will make a plan and share this with you. If you have any inspiration, please do share through e-mail.

All events rely on your voluntary contributions and **TIME!**

It would be wonderful to see lots of you attending our meetings, or just volunteering in whatever way you can.

We will be holding a meeting very shortly, and will send out details in the coming weeks.

Parent Forum

This popular opportunity to share ideas and queries will continue this year.

We are going to hold a meeting in school next **Tuesday 11th September at 6pm**. Please do talk to your Forum rep if you would like anything raised.

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.

Website

There is a new gallery of class photos on the website. Please have a look. We will continue to add information, so keep having a look to see new information.

**Thank you again for all your kind wishes,
Your children are amazing and we are going to achieve great things as a whole school community!**

Mrs Guthrie

Dates for the term

Please see attached document

(Additional dates will be added through th term, so please see this each week.)