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SUMMER 2 2019 NEWSLETTER

Summer Time

We are in our final half term of the year which seems to have happened very quickly! It won't be long before our Y6s are saying their goodbyes and our nursery children will be getting ready to start full time! As always there is a lot going on so please make a note of dates in this letter and watch out for alerts on the school app or Marvellous Me for additional information to make sure you don't miss out.



Activity Week

We are currently planning an exciting week from 8th - 12th July which will have lots of different activities for your children to take part in to get them moving, playing, exercising and learning new skills. So far we have a circus day booked in and a return of the popular Box2BFit activity – but this time parents will be invited to take part too! The week will finish with sports day – as long as the weather is kind to us. More information will follow.

Uniform

We are regularly collecting in items of lost property, particularly cardigans and jumpers. As the weather gets warmer, children frequently take their jumpers off and then leave them either in the cloakrooms or sometimes on the playgrounds. **Please help us return all clothes to their owners by writing your child's name in their uniform – including PE kit.**

Please also remember that school uniform should **not** include any additional features such as decorations, sequins or other ornaments. Earrings should be small, plain studs and hair accessories

should be subtle and simple. Socks must be worn and open toed shoes are not allowed. Children will be asked to remove or change any items that do not support our agreed uniform. Thank you.

Y6 and Y2 SATs and Y1 Phonics

Well done to all the children in Y6 who tackled their SATs tests last month and were extremely sensible and mature throughout the whole process. Y2 children were also fantastic at completing test papers as part of their usual lessons during May. We are very proud of you all. **Y1 phonics screening check will take place next week.** We know you will be brilliant too!

Classes and Staffing News 2019-20

Staffing arrangements have been confirmed for next year and once again we will be running some mixed year group classes; final organisation is still being completed. As you can see from the table below there are now 3 classes in KS1, 3 in lower KS2 and 3 in upper KS2 due to rising pupil numbers. As I have said previously, teachers at Viewley Hill are highly skilled at pitching the teaching at the correct level for each child so if your child is taught in a mixed year group class, you can be assured that the curriculum will be correct for the particular stage of learning that your child is at.

Nursery	Mrs Dowson
Reception	Mrs Smith Mr Jukes
Y1/2	Miss Sheard Miss Gardiner Mrs Shadforth
Y3/4	Miss Tumelty Mrs Lockey
Y5/6	Miss McCabe Miss Bailey Mrs Clayton

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KS1/KS2 & PPA Miss Glindon
Mrs Scaife

On **Friday 5th July** your child will be spending the day with their new teacher in preparation for moving on in school in September.

You will note from the table that Mrs Willis is not in our staffing structure for next year. This is because after fourteen years of hugely dedicated service to children and families at Viewley Hill, Mrs Willis has decided to retire. I know many of you have benefited from Mrs Willis' enthusiasm, skill and care, particularly in nursery, but also across school as a passionate champion for school PE and sport. I am really pleased to say that Mrs Willis has agreed to do some occasional supply work for us when needed which means that we will still be keeping in touch. Mrs Dowson will be moving to full time and assuming all the teaching in nursery which will provide excellent continuity for us and the children.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Brown, one of our wonderful Teaching Assistants in nursery. Miss Brown will be starting her paediatric nursing degree at Teesside University in September which is really exciting news for her – but really sad for us! We wish you every success Miss B!

Mrs Fields, who joined us after Christmas on a temporary basis to teach in Y4, is moving onto a secondary school elsewhere in the region and we wish her well in this next step. Mrs Fields has been a great addition to team and fitted in so well in a short space of time. We know you will be fantastic in your next school.

We are welcoming two new teachers and a new Teaching Assistant to the team in September: Miss McCabe and Mrs Clayton will be joining us for our transition day on 5th July and will take up their teaching positions in Y3/4 from September. Mrs

Clarke will join us in September. We look forward to them all settling in and getting to know everyone.

Values at Viewley Hill

Our assembly value this half term is **SERVICE**. We will be using the following poem to help us with this and, as before, you might like to look at this with your child and find out what they understand about **SERVICE** and why it is important.

Spending time on others

Enjoying giving help

Responsibility in action

Volunteering willingly

I can help

Committing to a task

Everyone offering their gifts and talents

Can you think of ways to encourage your child to volunteer to do something or help out around the house and local community?

Dates for the Diary

Remember to check the **website, school app and Marvellous Me** for messages and updates.

10 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Week
19 th June	Reception New Starters Meeting
21 st June	Family Friday Y6
5 th July	'New Class Day' for children
8 th July	Get Active Week
9 th & 10 th July	Parent Consultations
16 th July	Choir Performance in school
17 th July	Summer Picnic (afternoon)
19 th July	Leavers' Assembly 10am School closes for summer

Please note that school will reopen to children on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

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