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# SPRING 1 2020 NEWSLETTER

## Happy 2020

Welcome back to another new year; I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our performances before we broke up. I'm sure you will agree that all the children were fantastic and really helped us all feel festive. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the children and who gave gifts, cards and kind words at the end of last term – we are very grateful for your support and thoughtfulness.

## After School Clubs

Please note that these start again on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January**, and all clubs finish at **4:15pm**. Please ensure you arrive on time to collect your child at the end of a club if your child does not go home unaccompanied. **Please also remember that your child must have appropriate kit for their club.**

## Reading

As you know, reading is a key priority for improvement in school this year. Research shows that children who read at home make the most progress so we really need your help to develop a love of reading in our children and create independent readers.

Last half term we set a challenge for children to read at least 20 times at home. The class with the greatest percentage of children achieving this won a fabulous chocolate bouquet to share. There were some great percentages across school and some very disappointing ones – please see the table below.

We will be running the challenge again this term and would like every class to improve on last term. Please think about how you can support your child with this crucial skill and spend 5 minutes each night reading with your child.

Class	% Reading 20 times +		
Rec S	6%	Y3	21%
Rec J	22%	Y3/4	38%
Y1	12%	Y4	36%
Y1/2	33%	Y5B ****	71%
Y2	36%	Y5C	65%
		Y6	60%

## Robinwood Residential

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, Mrs Scaife, Miss Shadforth and Mrs Moore are taking some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to Robinwood Activity Centre at Baraugh Hall. This is always a great time away with the children, particularly seeing them tackle new activities and having great fun together. We wish them a safe and exciting adventure!

There will be a short meeting with Mrs Scaife for parents who would like a bit more information or the opportunity to ask questions about the trip. This will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 3:10pm. Please wait at the playground gates until Mrs Scaife calls you through to the classroom.

## New Year Reminders

Please remember that children **must not** ride bikes or scooters on school grounds. This is to ensure the safety of everyone on the playgrounds before and after school.

I would like to remind you about our expectations to ensure there is no confusion. The following information is taken from our website.

Our uniform is:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan (non-decorative)
- White polo shirt

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- Black or grey trousers or skirt or pinafore. Jogging trousers and leggings are not allowed.
- Sensible footwear. Open toed shoes are not appropriate due to health and safety reasons. Bare feet are not allowed; children must wear socks or tights.

### Socks and Tights

- These should be a plain block colour (white, black, grey or red) and not patterned e.g. stripes or pictures.

### Hair Ornaments.

- Children with long hair should tie this back to keep it tidy and for hygiene purposes. Bobbles, clips, hair bands and ribbons should be for the purpose of keeping the hair tidy and not for decorative reasons. Large bows, clips or decorations are not appropriate and children will be asked to not wear these. These items are often fashionable and therefore are not part of school uniform.

### Style of Dressing

- Leggings and jogging trousers are not acceptable. If children wear boots for school these should be tucked under trousers. Knee high boots are discouraged as these are fashionable rather than practical.

Please also note that jewellery and nail varnish are not allowed. If your child has pierced ears, earrings must be small, discrete studs and must be removed for PE. School staff are not allowed to remove earrings so please make sure this is done before your child comes to school.

### Test Dates 2020

Please note that statutory tests will take place at the following times:

Year 2 children - SATs during May  
Year 6 children - SATs 11th to 14th May  
Year 1 children - Phonics Screening week beginning 7th June

Please do not arrange any leave of absence for these times.

### Financial Reporting

As an academy we must complete annual accounts and publish these on our website. Our accounts for 2018-19 were completed in December and have been filed at Companies House. You will find a copy of these on our website under 'Academy Documents' (under the 'Key Information' tab.) The accounts contain a Trustees Report which sets out how the Trustees (also known as governors) have ensured the academy met its responsibilities during the last year. Details of school performance, governor attendance at meetings, budgets and expenditure can also be found in this document.

### Dates for the Diary

Remember to check the website, school app and Marvellous Me for messages and updates and/or follow us on twitter: [@viewleyhill](https://twitter.com/viewleyhill)

17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Family Friday Y4
w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y4 Swimming Lessons daily
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Robinwood Residential
31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Family Friday Y2
w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y3/4 Swimming Lessons daily
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Consultations
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last day of half term
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School re opens
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Closed – PD Day