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As we reach the end of our 3rd full week back at school, the children are continuing to do an amazing job in the classroom. Despite missing so much time at school, they are all listening, asking questions, engaging in learning and working hard to be their very best. We are all very proud of them and how well they have settled into the school year.

This week we are adding some new pictures to the website so please take a look. Although we are unable to invite you into school, we want to share with you all the lovely things that are happening and so we will be adding more to share with you over the coming weeks.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

As a school we are really committed to supporting the mental health of our children, families and staff.

Therefore on **THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER** we will be celebrating world mental health day.

During the day the children will be developing their understanding of mental health and how to ensure they look after themselves and manage their feelings and emotions.

As part of the day the children are asked to bring a **50p contribution** to support the day and can **wear an item of yellow clothing** too.

We look forward to sharing the day with you through a future newsletter and social media platforms.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher. We will send a reminder next week too!

ARRIVAL TIMES

Please remember that children can arrive to school between **8.30-8.50am**. This extended time is to support social distancing on and off site.

COLLECTION TIMES

Please can we ask parents to arrive to collect KS1 children from school at the allocated times. We appreciate that some families have to collect more than one child, but where this is not the case, please arrive at the time for your child's class. This helps to keep the flow of movement on site and support social distancing.

Thank you for your continued support.

COVID -19: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

As a community we all must work together to protect ourselves as much as possible from COVID-19. As cases are increasing in the town, we must do all we can.

Whilst I am proud of the positive Viewley Hill community relationships, please can I ask you to ensure that you keep your social distance from each other outside of the school site.



We are working very hard, through the use of class bubbles, one-way systems and red dots to manage it on site and therefore ask you to ensure you are mindful of distance outside the gates too.

From next week, we would also encourage parents and carers to **wear a mask when on school site**. Whilst we will not insist at this stage, it is another additional measure to support the protection of the school community.



Thank you for your continued support in doing all we can to keep our community safe.

PE KIT

Children coming to school in their PE kit is helping ensure that all children take part in the sessions and we will continue with this approach for the rest of the half term.

Please ensure children come dressed correctly on PE days. They should wear:

Dark jogging bottoms

Dark trainers

White T-shirt

Red Jumper



LUNCHTIME UPDATE

The children are really enjoying the school dinners, and are making the most of the variety of choice each day. Thank you to parents of younger children for helping them decide what they would like as this makes lunch time much easier. Now the system is working well, children in KS2 will be on weekly rota for going into lunch so the same children do not eat later every week.

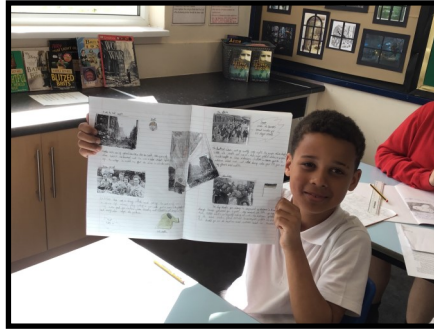
SCHOOL CLOSED

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Please remember that school is closed to children on the Friday 9th October for staff training.

PHOTO GALLERY

Enjoy our first gallery of pictures, sharing with you the hard work of our children so far this year.



COVID 19: ADVICE SHEET FOR PARENTS

Earlier this week I emailed out to you an advice sheet, which is very helpful to support managing symptoms and cases of COVID-19. In addition, I have also sent a letter which Public Health England have asked us to share with you. Both documents are also available for you on our website.

CELEBRATING AND LEARNING AT VIEWLEY HILL

We are very committed to ensuring we share with you the hard work that happens in our school, and that we have a variety of ways to keep in touch with you with school information. Please ensure we have your most up to date email address and phone number so you receive all school information.

Marvellous Me is another platform we use to keep in touch with you and so if you do not have access, please speak to your child's teacher. Keep a look out for new ways to keep in touch with school which are coming soon!

Thank you for your continued support of Viewley Hill, and your patience and positive response to our protective measures. As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff on the gate, or ring the academy office.

Best Wishes,

Mrs K Barkley

Head Teacher