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VIEWLEY HILL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our second newsletter of the half term. I hope that you continue to find the information both on here, and our other communication tools useful, and any feedback is welcome.

The children and staff are working so very hard. Since we returned in September, the children have continued to develop their levels of concentration, resilience and determination, and these important skills are having a positive impact on their progress.

Whilst we can not have lengthy conversations at the gates due to covid measures, I would like to thank you all for the time you take time you both speak to, and show care and concern for staff and our wider school community. It is very much appreciated and is a lovely way to start and end the day. Thank you very much!

As always, if you have any questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff, or contact school.

Best wishes,

Mrs K Barkley

Head Teacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Your child's attendance at school is very important in order for them to be the best that they can be.

Unless your child is poorly you must make sure they are here everyday. If they are going to be absent due to illness, please ensure you phone school and leave a message explaining the reason for their absence.

I would like to thank you for keeping us updated with any children and families who are needing to isolate under Covid-19 guidance, as this helps us record attendance correctly, and keep the community safe.

PARENT & TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Thank you for the positive feedback we have received about our parent contact sessions.

We are pleased that you found the time to talk to your child's teacher informative, and whilst we hope it will be in person, there will be another opportunity for parent consultation / contact next term.

If at any time you would like to speak to your child's teacher in more detail, please do not hesitate to let them know, or alternatively ring or email the office. Your child's teacher will then arrange the time to speak to you privately and in more detail.

READING AT VIEWLEY HILL

Reading is such an important life skill and is a significant priority for us at Viewley Hill. Throughout the school week the children get many opportunities to engage in reading, as well as apply their reading skills to other subjects. Your support with reading at home is vital to your child's progress and so we encourage you to read with your child at home as often as you can.

If you have any questions about how to help your child with their reading at home, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher as they will be more than happy to talk to you about it.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is the best reader that they can be!

FINISH TIMES

In order to support social distancing, please can I remind parents to come to collect their child at their individual finish time. This is for your safety in order to avoid unnecessary congestion outside and support social distancing.

VIEWLEY HILL FACEBOOK PAGE

Thank you to those of you who are on facebook and who are following our community page. You can find us at Viewley Hill Primary School.

We hope that you find the page both a celebration and informative, and any feedback is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS AT VIEWLEY HILL

Whilst Christmas will look different for us all this year Santa Claus is still definitely on his way!

We are sorry that under Covid-19 restrictions we will not be able to have you, as our school community, into school but we will bring as much of it to you as we can, as well as ensure the children enjoy lots of Christmas festivities in school.

Please see below the current Christmas plans for our children.

Christmas Raffle	Final day for buying tickets: 8 th December Christmas Raffle Draw: 11 th December
Nursery / Reception Performance	These performances will be put together observing social distancing measures, and will be recorded and uploaded to our UTube channel for parents to enjoy. These will be available to parents in the last week of half term.
KS1 Performance	
KS2 Singing Performance	
Aladdin Dance Workshops	As we are not able to have a panto in school, each class will enjoy a dance workshop during Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December.
Christmas Parties	All classes will have a Christmas party in the last week of term. Your child's teacher will share more detail with you closer to the time. We hope that Father Christmas will come to visit us during our parties too!
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 18 th December

Please be aware that these plans are based upon all class bubbles and staff being in school. Should there be a need for any classes or staff to isolate, we will need to review as appropriate.

We very much look forward to sharing Christmas with you over the coming weeks!

CHILDREN IN NEED

We had a very positive day for children in Need on 13th November and together we raised £264. Well done everyone and thank you for your contributions!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Christmas raffle tickets are now on sale, and will be until 8th December. We have over 60 prizes already and so if you would like any additional tickets please let your child's teacher know and they will organise them for you.

The raffle will be drawn on 11th December so good luck everyone!

WINTER WEATHER

The winter weather is drawing in and so we ask that you please make sure your child has a warm coat with them everyday. A hat, gloves, and scarf will help to keep them warm when they are outside too.

As part of our Covid risk assessment, classroom windows remain open to allow air flow. As this will continue through the winter months, please do not hesitate to allow your child to wear an extra layer (vest / t-shirt) underneath their school shirt and jumper if they would like to.

The school heating system is on and so if your child is feeling particularly cold they should let their teacher know.

LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS REMINDER

Here is a reminder of the restrictions currently in place until 2nd December. Please ensure that you follow these in order to protect our community, and the wider town, as much as possible.

- Stay at home (you should only go out to buy essential items, for education or medical needs, to visit people in your support bubble or child care bubble) You can not go in the home of anyone else.
- You should not meet other people socially. You can exercise outside with people you live with, your support bubble or 1 person from another household.
- You cannot meet in private gardens of other people, unless you have formed a support bubble with them.
- Most children previously classed as clinically extremely vulnerable do not need to shield this time. If you are unsure, please speak to your GP or specialist clinician.

If you are unsure about any of these restrictions, please do not hesitate to ask. More detailed guidance can also be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>