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NEWSLETTER: January 2022

Welcome to our Viewley Hill January Newsletter.

As we reach the end of our second week back this term I am pleased to be able to share with you events so far, as well as things we can all look forward to as the spring term develops.

Communication with you as our families is very important and so we are always looking for ways to ensure that we do this as well as we can.

I have shared with you in an earlier email that we now have an email contact for all families and so moving forward a weekly email will come from myself to share general information. We will then do a monthly paper newsletter to share with you celebrations in school, what's happening in our curriculum and future events to look forward to. This newsletter will also come electronically as well as added to our school website.

As always, if you have any feedback for school, any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Wishes and thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Barkley

Headteacher

HAPPY RETIREMENT MR CUNNINGHAM!

After 25 years service to Viewley Hill, Mr Cunningham our caretaker retired last week. Mr Cunningham gave an incredible service to our school and we are incredibly grateful for his dedication. All the children made lovely cards to thank him for his hard work and he had a lovely last day in school! We hope that he will come back and visit us soon.

Happy retirement Mr Cunningham—you deserve it!



ATTENDANCE

Pupil attendance is always a priority for us at Viewley Hill. Like you, we very much want your children to be the best that they can be and that means being in school on time every day.

If your child is poorly and is going to be off school please remember to ring or email school to let us know.

As our policy states we will make contact and visit families when we have not seen children or we have concerns about your child's attendance.

If you would like to discuss attendance please contact Mrs Moore and Mrs Scaife who will be happy to help.

SPRING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY..

Here are dates so far, more dates and events to come too!

Mon 24th January

Online safety workshop for parents 2-3pm

Friday 4th February

NSPCC Number day—more detail to follow next week

Tuesday 8th February

Internet Safety day—more detail to follow next week

Wednesday 16th February

Phonics meeting for parents

Friday 18th February

Half Term

Monday 28th February

Children return to school

Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day

11-20th March

Science Week

Thursday 7th April

End of Term for Children

Friday 8th April

Staff Training Day

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

On **Friday 4th March** it is NSPCC Number Day. As part of the day the children are welcome to come in uniform, wearing something that has a number on it.

We ask for a contribution of £1 to take part in this event which we will donate to the NSPCC.

We will share more details about what children will do on the day closer to the time.



PACKED LUNCHES

Ensuring all our children have a healthy lunch is very important to us as promoting a healthy lifestyle and positive mental well-being is a priority.

We have noticed that some children on packed lunches are bringing lots of chocolate bars, chocolate based food and sweets. Please can we remind those parents who send a packed lunch that whilst there may be a small treat as part of it, that the lunch should be focused on healthy choices.



If you would like an advice or support on what to put in your child's lunch please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Moore who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support in keeping us a healthy school.

PHASE NEWSLETTER

This week your child has brought home a newsletter about their learning this half term.

If you have any questions about how to help your child with their learning, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher as they will be happy to help you.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning in school please let us know as we can arrange to discuss this with you.

WE ARE 50!

Later this half term the school will be 50 years old!

Look out for more detail in the coming weeks about how we will celebrate this as a school community!

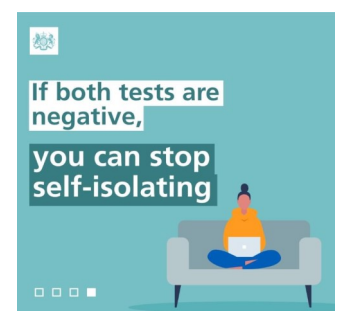
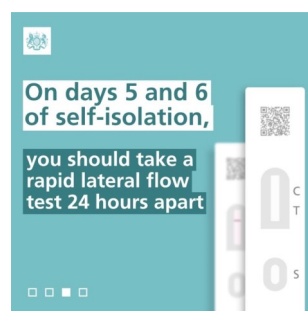
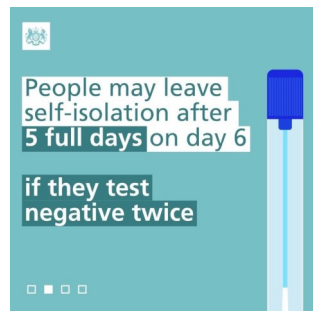
Happy Birthday to Viewley Hill!



COVID UPDATE

Firstly I would like to thank you all for your support in following our Covid measures and requirements. I have been very grateful that you have kept school up to date with testing, positive cases and queries about next steps you may need to take, as this has helped me ensure we have the appropriate protective measures in place as well as correct reporting to both the Local Authority and Public Health.

Earlier this week guidance around isolation was updated and so below are the rules we need to follow.



Whilst the new government guidelines state that face covering are no longer necessary in public places we would encourage parents to continue to do so whilst on site as there are cases in school.

If you have any questions regarding Covid requirements, please do not hesitate to ask.