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## NEWSLETTER: October 1st 2021

### KEEPING SAFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Keeping our children safe in the community is very important to all of us. As we move towards dark nights, Halloween and bonfire night we want to do all we can to teach our children how to keep themselves safe.

This week we have had a visit to from the Police and Fire Service. They spent time with our Y4,5 and 6 children discussing dangers, how to behave and how to keep safe. The children really enjoyed the event and we look forward to welcoming both services back into Viewley Hill throughout the year.



Look out for more on our facebook page!

### READING REVIEW

Reading both in school and at home is a priority for us at Viewley Hill as we know that reading is the key to children accessing the wider curriculum and the outside world.

As we look to improve our reading offer, your views are very important and earlier this week we sent home a reading review for you to complete.

Thank you to those of you who have returned the form. If you have not done so, we would welcome them at the beginning of next week.

Thank you for your continued support.



### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

On Friday 8th October we will be holding our Wear Yellow Day in support of World Mental Health Day.

Next Friday the children can come to school dressed in yellow to support this very important cause.



### MEDICAL FORM RETURN

Earlier this week your child brought home a medical form.

If you have not returned this for your child, please can I ask you to do so as soon as possible as it is important we have everyone's up to date information,.

Thank you for supporting us in keeping your child safe.

**Please can I remind parents and children to try and keep the path clear at the end of the school day so that the wider Hemlington Community can use it safely.**

## Happy Retirement to Mrs Higgins and Mrs Harrison!

After 32 and 31 years service, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Higgins retired from their posts as dinner supervisors yesterday. They have both been part of the school community for an amazing length of time and have shown such commitment, care and love to the children and families of Viewley Hill.

They will always be welcome and part of our school family but we will certainly miss them on the yard every day.

We celebrated with them with the children, and as a staff, and on behalf of everyone I wish them a well deserved and happy retirement.

Thank you very much ladies for your wonderful service to our school!



We will share more on our Facebook page!

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAY

Thursday 14th October

School photographs will take place on this date and will be for individual and family photographs. More detail will be sent out to you about this day next week.

### PARENT CONTACT DAYS

Teachers are very much looking forward to the opportunity to share with you how your child has settled into this school year.

For this first parent consultation of this year, we will continue with phone appointments and hope to return to face to face discussions in the spring

Your child will bring a letter home next week with more detail about the day you will be able to speak to your child's teacher.

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



### HARVEST FESTIVAL

As we move into autumn we are preparing for our harvest festival. We will have an assembly in school in the last week of this half term and share some of this with you through our facebook page.

As always, we would welcome food donations so we are able to support our local foodbank.

The last day for donations in Monday 18th October. Thank you in advance for your support.



It has been a lovely start to this academic year and the children are working very hard.

Thank you to you as parents and carers for the support you show your child and the school, as it is so important we work together as a school community.

As always, should you have any positive feedback, concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to staff on the gate or contact us through the office.

Mrs K Barkley

Headteacher

### BIKES AND HELMETS

Thank you for your support in ensuring the children walk with their bikes and scooters when on site. This helps to keep everyone safe.

We are speaking to the children about the speed they ride their bikes at busy times on the path as there has been some near misses of what could be serious accidents.

If you could remind your child to ride sensibly, and encourage them to wear a helmet, I would be very grateful.

Thank you for your support.

