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NEWSLETTER: November 19th 2021

We have had a very busy start to Autumn 2. The children have been part of so many opportunities within school and there are many more to come.

In the last newsletter I introduced to you our new school badge. The children are thoroughly enjoying receiving these when they are awarded with star of the week and it is such a pleasure to see them wearing them in school. They are intended to be worn everyday and so thank you for supporting this. The children are very proud to wear them and I look forward to seeing more children awarded with them as the year progresses.

As always, staff are on the gates every day and so if you have any queries or concerns, as well as any positive feedback, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Barkley

Headteacher

VIEWLEY HILL REMEMBERS

Remembrance Day is incredibly important and we took the time to remember the fallen at Viewley Hill on 11th November. All the children learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day, made poppies and took part in our 2 minute silence.

In addition, some of our oldest children attended the Remembrance service at Middlesbrough Cenotaph.



Y5/6 ATHLETICS STARS

Last Wednesday we attended the Y5-6 Middlesbrough indoor athletics event. Our children competed in a range of track and field events against other schools. Throughout the event we were placed first in a few events and came 6th (out of 11 schools) overall.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the event and they represented Viewley Hill so well - they were supportive, motivated and their behaviour was outstanding.

We look forward to attending more events in the future.



EYFS and KS1 PLAYGROUND SAFETY

Despite our previous reminder we still have many children who are running around the playground and using equipment both before going into class and once they have been collected.

Please can we remind you that for their safety, and the safety of others, children are expected to stay with parents at all times.

Thank you for your support in keeping your child and the school community safe.

CHILDREN IN NEED—THANK YOU

On Friday we had a lovely day supporting Children in Need.

Thanks to all your donations we raised £240 for the day which will go towards supporting vulnerable children and families across the UK

Thank you very much for your contributions.



CHRISTMAS UPDATE

As it currently stands, the following events remain planned as face to face Christmas events for parents.

These are reviewed daily based upon our school and Tees Valley Covid rates, national and public health guidance.

DATE	EVENT
7 th December	KS1 Christmas Performances to parents (morning and afternoon performance)
9 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance to parents (morning performance)
10 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance to parents (morning performance)
14 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance to parents (2 morning performances)



Should Public Health England advise on any changes to our offer due to Covid rates, these will be followed as a priority and changes to Christmas arrangements will be made.

DATE REMINDERS

Thursday 16th Dec: Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Tuesday 21st Dec: End of Term

Thurs 6th Jan: Start of Spring Term

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Your views are very important to us at Viewley Hill.

With this in mind your child will bring home a questionnaire later this week and we would be very grateful if you would complete this for us.

Please look out for this and return to school as soon as you can.

I will share the findings with you later this term.

Thank you for your support with this.

COVID -19

Last week I wrote to update you with the current position regarding Covid -19 both across the Tees Valley and our school community.

As a school we continue to be very vigilant, ensuring that ventilation, hand washing and daily cleaning are in place.

We have also stopped any whole school assemblies or events for the time being.

It is important that you as parents and families, also play your part in our efforts.

Should you or a member of your family display Covid-19 symptoms please book a PCR test and isolate until you have the results.

If you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, you should also arrange a PCR test.

Please ensure you inform us if your child has symptoms and if you have arranged a PCR test.

BREAKFAST CLUB TIMES

We are very proud to be able to open Breakfast Club to all our children however, children are arriving later and later for breakfast.

Breakfast Club starts at 8am and any children coming for breakfast must arrive by 8.20am

This is to ensure that the staff have time to give all children breakfast before getting the children ready to go to their classrooms.

Thank you for your support with this.

SCHOOL DINNERS

If you are wishing to change your child's lunch time choice (school dinner or packed lunch) please ensure that you give the office and kitchen staff 1 week's notice.

Thank you for supporting this request.