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NEWSLETTER: November 5th 2021

Welcome back Autumn 2 here at Viewley Hill.

We hope you all enjoyed a safe and happy holiday and that you are looking forward to the half term ahead. We have lots of celebrations and events we want to share with you and so please check the back of this newsletter for important dates you may want to make note of.

This week your child will have brought home a phase newsletter. This will give you more information about:

- books your child will be reading at school
- information about what they will be learning over the half term
- reading and homework, and what is expected of your child
- general information about how to support your child

If you have any questions about the detail in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher as they are there to help and support.

As always, if you have any feedback, questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff on the gate or contact the school via email or phone.

Best Wishes

Mrs Barkley

Headteacher

AUTUMN 1 ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance for last half term was **93.8%**

The national expectation is 95%.

This half term we will be giving regular attendance updates and so please help your child by ensuring they are in school, on time, every day.

WINTER WEATHER

As we move towards winter the weather is becoming much colder. Please can we ask that you ensure that your child brings a coat to school to keep them warm at playtime and lunchtime as we do go outside when it is dry.

If we have lots of rain (or even snow!) your child is welcome to come to school in wellies / boots and bring their school shoes to change into whilst in school.



PD DAY: 12th NOVEMBER

A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN ON THIS DAY

CELEBRATING OUR STARS!

We are incredibly proud of all our children, especially when they achieve star of the week.

The children love being able to share that they are stars of the week and whilst enjoy having a ribbon to wear, also liked the idea of having a more permanent reminder to show that they have been a star.

Something they can keep also means that it lasts more than one week and we will be able to see their achievements over weeks, terms and even years!

With this in mind we are proud to introduce the Viewley Badge.

Children will receive one of these every time they are awarded star of the week and should wear them on their school jumpers with pride all the time.

This will allow everyone to know that they have been a star.

All children who have been a star so far this year have been given a badge today and we look forward to giving these out every week.

We hope you like it as much as the children do!



FIREWORK SAFETY

Both before the half term and today, we have talked to the children about firework safety.

Many of the children are very excited but we want everyone back at school on Monday safe and well.

Here are the safety rules that ourselves, and the fire service have used with the children to help them keep themselves and each other safe.



ENJOY BONFIRE NIGHT BUT PLEASE TAKE CARE

A REMINDER THAT OUR TERM DATES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AND WE WILL ALSO SEND THEM OUT VIA EMAIL AGAIN. PLEASE ASK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES.

EYFS and KS1 PLAYGROUND SAFETY

We have noticed that many children are going onto the KS1 play equipment, and into Whisper World, once they have been collected from school.

Please can we remind you that for their safety, children must not use the playground once collected. They must remain with parents at all times.

Thank you for your support in keeping your child safe.



CHILDREN IN NEED



School will be supporting Children in Need on

Friday 19th November

Children are welcome to come in non-uniform and are asked to donate £1 to the cause.

The theme is 'Together we Can' and we will be focusing on this with the children throughout the day.

ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS!

We are delighted to be able to share with you the main dates of our Christmas events for later this half term. More detail about each event will be sent out closer to the time.

DATE	EVENT
1 st December	Christmas Tree Dressing (children and staff)
2 nd December	Christmas Fair
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)
14 th December	KS1 and 2 trip to pantomime
16 th December	Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day
17 th December	EYFS Christmas trip to the Play Factory
17 th December – 2-2.45pm	School Christmas Assembly (children and staff)
20 th December	Termly open afternoon (1.30pm onwards)
21 st December	End of term (Children will be allowed to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day too)

If you have any tombola prizes, bottles or brick a brac you would like to donate to our Christmas fair, please send this into school by Friday 26th November.

Thank you in advance!



Dates of year group Christmas parties will be shared with you closer to the time.

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

