



Dear Parents,

A very busy week with some lovely classroom displays going up on walls. Routines are well established now, so children in Y1-6 should be feeling secure in where they are going and what they should be doing. Please encourage them to be as independent as possible, e.g. leaving them at the gate, remembering their lunchbox, sorting out their own book bag.

Next week Reception children will be with us all week and will no doubt be very tired by Friday! If they are happy to come in to school on their own please encourage them to do so. They know where their coat and book bag goes and there are lots of adults and other children around to help them in school if they need it.

Absence

Please remember that if your child is absent or expected in late, then you must inform the office **BEFORE 9.15am**. Please leave a message if no one picks the phone up, as it will save us worrying where your child is and it will save us time in trying to track you down.

When your child returns to school, we need a written note to the class teacher explaining their absence.

Thank you.



OCTOBER 7th...don't forget!!!

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered already to help. If you haven't, we will be chasing after you as we need you, especially to help with marshalling. If you can do a couple of hours in shifts with someone else rather than the full day, we'd still value your help. If we don't get enough marshals then we will have to buy a company in to help us out which means we get less money from the VC to support you and your child in school.

A couple of changes this year with the mini-Viking Challenge. On the afternoon of Wednesday 3rd October we will be inviting all our children to get on their wheels and ride a challenge which will be set out in our school grounds. They will need either their bike or scooter in full, safe working order (helmets too!) If they possess neither, then roller blades or skateboards, etc would do the trick

although they'll be quite hard work on grass! This notice gives them plenty of time to get their wheels sorted!

The VC disco will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 4th October; all families and siblings welcome although you will be responsible for them at all times (including grannies!!) Staff will supervise school children (and granddads!!!)

Further details of both events nearer the time.

New Reading Programme

We are introducing a new method of teaching reading across the school. A letter of introduction will be sent out to you soon and an information workshop will be offered later in the term. If you have a child in Class 1 who doesn't bring home a 'reading book' don't worry, there's a reason for this! Instead, they will bring home a picture book or library to share with you. Please talk about the books and encourage them to tell the story using the picture clues and of course **keep reading lots of stories to them...no matter what their age.**

Harvest Boxes

Please will you send your child in to school next week with a box, preferably the size of a shoe box; one per family. These will be decorated to fill with harvest gifts.

School Photos

All children will have their photograph taken next Wednesday 19th September, unless you request otherwise. Sibling photos will also be taken, so if you have younger children who you would like in the picture, please go straight to the school hall after your school child has registered with their class teacher, as these will be done first. The whole school will also have their picture taken together at this point as well.

Please make sure they have the correct school uniform on: blue school jumper/cardigan (NOT fleece), white polo shirt, grey trousers/skirt (not black or blue) and black shoes. Thank you.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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