



NEWSLETTER

September 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our new school year and a very warm welcome to all our new families. The children all look very smart and ready to face new experiences, risks and learning challenges they will encounter over the year.

You will notice there have been lots of changes and improvements to the school site over summer. The driveway has been repaired and the new modular unit is now installed at the infant school which has made a significant difference to our entrance. You may also have noticed that County completed our drainage works so hopefully wellies will not be compulsory next time we have rain! We have had some of the paving slabs replaced with block paving which looks wonderful and will be a lot more durable. It is unfortunate that the old paving could not be completely replaced but we will continue to work with County to achieve this aim.

We were very fortunate to have a team of volunteers from Shire Pharmaceuticals who came in to school at the beginning of the holidays to clear the site around our pond. They did a fantastic job and we are very grateful to them for their hard work. Unfortunately, soon afterwards we had a significant amount of damage where log seating and other items thrown in to the pond and damage caused to seating around the site caused by members of the public. We ask that any members of the community, who see people behaving disrespectfully on the site, ring the local police. In the meantime, we are considering other ways that we can prevent continuous damage and anti-social behaviour during evenings and weekends.

Inside the building we have also made great improvements with all the upper school classrooms re-decorated and some carpets replaced. Thank you to our site manager, Mr Blagbrough and our cleaning team for all their hard work. I have reminded the children not to walk across the field in the mornings to try and keep our carpets as nice as possible for as long as possible.

I am very pleased to be able to inform you that at the end of last term we received notification that we had achieved both our Rights Respecting Schools Level 1 Award and our Bronze Star Travel Plan Award. Thank you to all the staff and children who helped us to achieve these. You will see them at the bottom of all our future letters.



As a Rights Respecting School we have started the year considering our rights as world citizens and also the responsibilities we have towards the rights of others. Alongside this the classes have looked at our school values and how we can be great learners, achieving our best throughout the year. Through these activities children have shown how our Growth Mindset work last year has had a huge impact not only on the children's learning in school but also how they approach new experiences in all aspects of their lives. Over the year we will build on this, considering how children can have a greater voice in all aspects of school life. You may also be aware that we are developing our outdoor learning, making greater use of our grounds to enhance and extend the curriculum and using it as a resource for children to experiment, investigate and have fun! Please ask your child what they have been doing outside over the last couple of weeks.

This term is always busy and our website is usually a good place to check diary dates and keep up to date with everything happening at school. However, we have had some significant technical problems and we are in the process of creating a new, improved website. Please bear with us as we undertake this work and in the meantime check out our Facebook page and diary dates at the bottom of the newsletters. Regular Parentmail reminders will also continue. Thank you for your patience.

Mrs C Martinez
Headteacher

BALL COURT

As we start a new school year I would like to remind parents about the use of the ball court after school.

After school children must go home and change before using the ball court as members of the community. This is to ensure that all children have returned home and parents know the whereabouts of their children. It also enables us to use the school site for after-school activities and ensures that members of the community do not enter before our children are safely off the premises. To avoid any confusion, **THE BALL COURT IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE BEFORE 5PM.** There is a rota for classes to use the ball court at break times.



This year we are once again taking part in Jeans for Genes on 23rd September. Children are invited to wear their jeans and bring a pound in for Genetic Disorders UK. They are required to wear their school tops. To find out more about the charity visit: www.jeansforgenesday.org

Breakfast and After-School Club

The children have settled in well to our newly extended Breakfast and After-School Club. The new clubs have been so successful that we are now operating a waiting list. For your information we also run holiday care. Please contact 01256 810499 for further details.



DIARY DATES

September		October	
19 th	Yr5 Meet the Teacher – 14.45pm	5 th	The Vyne Coffee Morning 9.15-10.30am
20 th	Yr6 Meet the Teacher – 14.45pm	6 th	Yr2 Prospective Parents Meeting – 18.30
20 th	School Choir starts – 3.30-4.30pm	7 th	Individual children's photos
21 st	Yr4 Meet the Teacher – 14.45pm	7 th	Harvest Assembly
22 nd	Yr3 Meet the Teacher – 14.45pm	14 th	FFLS School Disco 19.45 – 8.45pm
23 rd	Jeans for Genes Day- don't forget your donation	19 th	Walktober Initiative – details to follow
27 th	The Vyne Open Evening 18.00pm - 20.00pm	21 st	Inset day
		24 th -28 th	Half Term
		31 st	First day of Autumn Term 2
November		December	
10th	Planetarium visiting Y5	6 th / 7 th	Lower School Christmas Performances
14 th – 18th	Anti-bullying Week	14 th	L/S Christmas Lunch
16 th -17th	Parents' Evenings	15 th	U/S Christmas Lunch
		16 th	Carols in the Playground