



NEWSLETTER

September 2019

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to all our new families and welcome back to those returning this year. The children are already settling in well to their new classes and the expectations that come with that.

We have started the year looking at our school values: RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, ASPIRATION, RESPECT AND CREATIVITY. We are particularly focusing on resilience along with independence which is an important part of our Responsibility value and next week we will be focusing on internet safety. Please talk to your child about these aspects and look at our 'E-safety' page under 'Teaching and Learning' on our website. Here you will find links to lots of useful sites to help you keep your child safe online.

All our learning over these two weeks will culminate in a 'House Day' which this year will include using resilience to learn new circus skills with 'Splats Entertainment'. We are excited to be able to also invite parents to come and join us at 2.45pm next Friday and model some resilience skills of their own as we learn new skills together! Please inform the office if you have not received the letter giving more information. We are aware some parents have had difficulty with their parentmail account.



This year we are welcoming our new Deputy Headteacher, Ms Sinclair who many of you may already have seen in the playground in the mornings. Please do introduce yourselves as she is eager to get to know everyone as quickly as possible.

I am also delighted to be able to inform you that Mrs Adamiec is joining the office staff as Communications Officer. Some of you will already know her from last year when she worked with our learning support team in Year 4. She will be a fantastic addition to the office after nearly a year of this area of the school being understaffed. Thank you to everyone who has been patient with us over the year and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries regarding the communication you're receiving.

Over this year our main focus is on working together as a whole school community to develop resilience and independence in our children, enabling them to succeed in whatever they put their minds to. We will be holding some parent workshops during the year to share our vision, current research and strategies that we can all use to help our children develop these crucial life-long skills.

Please read your year group newsletters this week to find out more about what is happening in your child's class. We also have New Parent Meetings happening throughout next week for every year group in order to inform you about what you can expect over the coming year. I also urge you to read the parentmail as this is our main method of communication. You can also see our website and facebook page for lots of information. Please be aware that the Year Group Facebook pages are unofficial and are not connected to school. Therefore we will not be able to respond to posts put on these. However, we endeavour to get our own Year Group pages up and running as soon as possible. In the meantime, we are always very pleased to welcome parents in if you have any questions, comments, worries or positive things to share.

I look forward to working with you throughout the coming year.

Mrs C Martinez
Headteacher

Governor Update

School is well and truly back. I have been into school a couple of times and as always am impressed by the enthusiasm and energy of the staff and the children. The staff INSET days were excellent with lots of participation particularly on the subject of wellbeing for the children. I have conducted the annual safeguarding audit with the Headteacher and am confident that the school has everything in hand with regard to safeguarding issues. I am also pleased and relieved to report that we should shortly have some new governors joining the governing body so that we can continue to provide you all with effective oversight of the school's activities.

Please help us to support the school.

Kathy Bowman, Chair of Governors



This year we are once again taking part in Jeans for Genes on 20th 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



DIARY DATES

Please see the school website for other school dates throughout the year

September		October	
16 th	Meet the teachers Y3	21 st	Flu Immunisations All year Groups
17 th	Meet the teachers Y6	22 nd	Year 3 Outcome
18 th	Meet the teacher Y5	24 th	Pupil's Photographs
19 th	Meet the teacher Y4	25 th	INSET DAY
19 th	Minstead Parents Meeting	28 th Oct-1 st Nov	Half Term Week
20 th	House Day	4 th Nov	First day back at school
20 th	Jeanes for Genes Day		
27 th	Harvest Assembly		
27 th	House Captain Voting		