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A Learning Ladder for Life

Dear Parent/Carer

Friday 15th September 2017

Here we are at the start of another exciting new school year. Thank you to all the parents and children who have had to cope with the electrical works at the beginning of term. Hopefully the issues have now been fully resolved and we greatly appreciate your patience during the disruption.

As you can see the building works have now been finished and we hope you agree that the new playground and classrooms are looking amazing. The children are enjoying the extra space to play and Year 5 & 6 are finding the new building a very calm and pleasant environment to work in.



Diary Dates

- 18th September 2017
Clubs in Term 1 begin
- 16th October 2017
Mock Trial with Year 6
- 20th October 2017
Last day of Term 1
- 30th October 2017
First day of Term 2
- 7th November 2017
Open morning for prospective parents in Nursery and Reception. 9am—10am
- 16th October 2017
Yr 1 Trip to Kent Life
- 18th October 2017
Yr R—4 Flu Vaccinations
- 19th October 2017
Frankie & Benny's Trip
- Further Dates to follow



Core Values Winners

Year R Red—Elle-Mae and Kyle (Both for Perseverance)

Year R Blue—Oscar and Gracie (Both for Bravery)

Year R Green—Alex and Bethan (Both for Perseverance)

Year 1 Red—Finley (for Support) and Ethan (for Sincerity)

Year 1 Green—Owen (for Perseverance) and Mia (for Support)

Year 2 Red—Emmet (for Bravery) and Deewa (for Perseverance)

Year 2 Green—Haden (for Sincerity) and Lilly (for Support)

Year 3 - Amy (for Sincerity) and Elena (for Perseverance)

Year 4—Jason (for Support) and Muzhda (for Perseverance)

Year 5—Ella (for Bravery) and Molly (for Support)

Year 6—Sophie (for Perseverance) and Alfie (for Sincerity)

Attendance Winners

Well Done to Year 6 for winning the Attendance for week ending 11/9/17 (99.3%).

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Year 6 focus

The children in Year 6 have hit the ground running with 20 of them sitting the Kent selection tests for the grammar schools in the first week. They all tried really hard and we wish them every success when they get their results later in the year.

The first week was not all hard work however as they are the first year group to go swimming on a Friday morning. They had a great time in the pool and are looking forward to the next 8 weeks. Please remember that the children do need to be in early on swimming mornings as it is necessary to leave the school by 8:30 in order to be poolside by 9:00.

Week 2 also saw 10 of the children from year 6 (along with a few from Year 5) visit the Hazlitt Theatre in Maidstone for a Behind the Scenes tour and to meet some of the actors. They had a really good time and thank Mrs Samways for arranging the visit.

We will also be visited in October by two magistrates who help the children to understand the role of the magistrates courts and stage a mock trial with the children. This has been a regular experience for the children in Year 6 for a number of years now and is always a great hit.

Finally, we will soon be sending letters home to arrange the Year 6 residential for next year. We had a wonderful time at Kingswood last year and hope that all the current Year 6 children will gain as much confidence and enjoyment from it as they did last year.



Clubs

All clubs will be starting next week and letters have gone home this week informing you as to whether your child has secured a place in a club or is on a waiting list. This year places for clubs are allocated for the year and your child must tell the responsible adult if they no longer wish to attend so that the place can be offered to another child.

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