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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Friendship'

Welcome back A very warm welcome back to a new term at school. A special welcome to our new Reception children. We are delighted with how well they have already settled. A special thank you to our Year 6 buddies who have done a great job welcoming and supporting them, especially today with their first school lunch.

We look forward to working with all our new families. You are all very welcome.

Smart Uniform and PE kit All the children look very smart– thank you! Please do label your child's clothes if you haven't already.

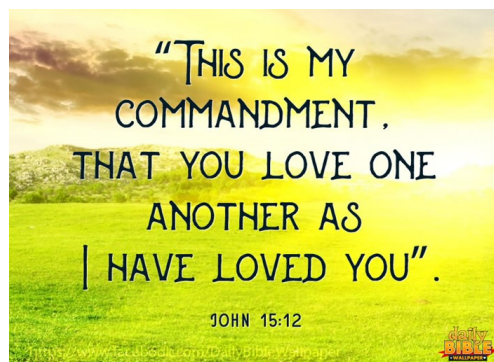
Our School Ethos and Values-'To love live and learn together'

As a Church of England Aided School our Christian values are very important to our school community and underpin how we behave to one another. This term we are focussing on the Christian value of **'Friendship'**. We have been thinking about these words from the Bible, **'Encourage one another and build each other up'**.

Class Curriculum letters and information about homework and PE were sent home in book bags today from your child's teacher.

Diary dates and key events for the term are being finalised and will be available next week. These include events to which you will be invited; Class Parental Assembly, Harvest Festival, Christmas Nativity and Carol Service.

After School Clubs will start in the week beginning Monday 18th September for children in Y1 upwards. Details of clubs on offer and how to book will be available next week.



Pictured here are Class 1 in our Peace Garden with photos of each class on the next pages.



Class 2 have enjoyed their first week back together in the sunshine.



Class 3 look very smart and are enjoying all being part of Key Stage 2.



Class 4 are now at the top of the school and are looking forward to the responsibilities this brings.



Parent Pay and School lunches If your child has moved into Year 3 you will now need to pay for their lunches online with Parent Pay, £3.50 per day. The government continues to fund lunches for infant children (until end of Y2). **Please speak to Mrs Newton in the office if you think your child may qualify for free school lunches.** This information is confidential and no one would be aware during lunch hours. **If your child would like school lunch on only 1 or 2 days this is possible.** Please email the office with your preferences. Fish and Chip Friday is very popular. There is a hot main course each day with sandwich or jacket potato options.

Milk and Snacks Children in Class 1 and 2 receive free fruit each day, funded nationally. Children under 5 receive free milk. Once children are 5 years old they may continue to have milk daily at a small cost through Cool Milk. Register online at www.coolmilk.com. All children should bring water bottles which can be refilled during the day.

Children may bring healthy snacks for break times (fresh fruit or cereal bars).

Please do not bring any items containing peanuts. We do have children in school with peanut allergies.

Instrumental Lessons in school with Mrs Jameson will start next week. You will receive a message indicating the day of your child's lesson. We currently have a waiting list for lessons.

Class 3 Music All children in Class 3 will learn to play either violin or cello as part of their class music.

School provides these instruments on loan, free of charge.

All classes have class music lessons.

Collective Worship, Special Mentions Assembly and our Newsletter

The whole school meets together in the hall each day for Collective Worship. The children often help to lead this. We have Special Mentions Assembly each Friday at 3pm when we celebrate and reflect on our week in school and share in the success of others. Children may bring in awards and certificates achieved outside school to share with us. The school newsletter is sent out on Friday by email and uploaded to the school website.

Congratulations to Myles in Year 6 on his national riding success Over the summer Myles competed at the Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead. He won the First Ridden Show Pony Final. He has also qualified for the Horse of the Year Show later in the year. We congratulate him on his commitment, determination and hard work.



Well done Myles!

PE Kit Day Reminders from next week:

Class 1 and Class 2	Tuesday and Thursday
Class 3	Tuesday and Thursday
Class 4	Tuesday and Wednesday

End of term thank you

All the staff join with me in thanking you for the very positive feedback and kind gifts received at the end of last term. The children are enjoying the gift of a new sand pit for the playground from last years Y6 Leavers.

We look forward to another year working in partnership with you and your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson