Autumn Term 2019

KS1 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first KS1 Newsletter of the year!

It's been a great start with lots of fantastic learning opportunities taking place already. Year One had a brilliant time at Lewes Castle and learned all about how it was built to protect the Lord who lived there 1000 years ago! They've also been enjoying their forest school sessions, despite the variety of weather we have experienced. Year Two have been busy finding out about the Great Fire of London and had a wonderful time yesterday, dressing up as bakers and making some delicious bread! Luckily they managed to avoid another 'great fire' though! They are looking forward to a visit from local firefighters next week to learn all about fire safety.



Book Bags

In KS1, a huge emphasis is placed on reading and therefore it is essential that book bags are brought into school on a daily basis. Each week a member of staff will read with your child either in a group or individually to develop their reading strategies and comprehension skills. Inside the book bag there should be the yellow reading record diary and a banded colour book for your child to read at home. If you do not have a yellow reading record diary, please let the class teacher or teaching assistant know so that replacements can be given. Outside each KS1 classroom you may have noticed a coloured box. We ask that if your child has completed their coloured banded reading book, that the book bag is placed into the box at the start of the day. Throughout the day, the books will be changed over, with a new book being sent home at the end of the school day. If you do not have a book bag please ask the class teacher for a plastic wallet to make sure the reading diary record and reading book stay together!

Reading Mornings

These have started in earnest and been brilliantly attended so far so a massive thank you to everyone who has been attending. As a school we feel it is an important opportunity for you to be able to read with your child on a one to one basis. Younger siblings are welcome to these sessions but we ask that pushchairs are left outside the classroom to keep fire exits clear. We may also ask you to read in the library, where there is more space for brothers and sisters!

Penny challenge

The response to the penny challenge was simply beyond the wildest dreams of all the adults in the school and we were completely blown away with how much loose change was brought in! We don't know the results yet as there were so many coins to count but we're sure lots of money has been raised for us to buy new trees. Once again we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support with this.

Key Diary Dates (please watch our main newsletter and website for more up-to-date information)

Every Tuesday- Reading morning (Year 1 pupils)	
Every Wednesday- Reading morning (Year 2 pupils)	
Tuesday 15th October	1MS final forest school session (this term)
Tuesday 15th October	Year 2 final swimming sessions (this term)
Wednesday 16th October	Year 2 fire safety talk
Wednesday 16th October	EYFS and KS1 disco 3pm-4pm
Thursday 17th October	1AT final forest school session (this term)
Monday 21st October	Individual photographs (whole school)
Friday 25th October	Dress down day and final day of half term (Donation of wine or chocolate!)

If you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the KS1 team. Although we may not always be able to speak to you in depth at the beginning or end of the day, you can make an appointment to see any member of the KS1 teaching staff after school to discuss any concerns/suggestions you may have.

Warm Regards,

Mr Trower and the KS1 Team