

Headteacher Message

What a fantastic first full week we have had at school. It has been wonderful to see the children settling fully into their new classes, routines and learning so positively. Across the school, classes have begun their new English units and it has been lovely to see the excitement and curiosity as children explore their new texts. Many classes have started by investigating clues from illustrations, pictures and objects, trying to predict what their new books might be about. There have certainly been some wonderful ideas and impressive imaginations on display already!

PE got off to a brilliant start this week with our rugby coach linked with Sevenoaks Rugby Club. Despite the rain pouring all day, children from Years 2 to 6 listened carefully, participated enthusiastically, got stuck in and learned a range of new skills. Most importantly, they had great fun. We are delighted that these sessions will continue throughout the term.

A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils who sat the Kent Test this week. The children have worked incredibly hard in preparation and should be extremely proud of themselves. It was a long and demanding day but they approached it with maturity and determination. I would also like to thank all other pupils and staff across the school who helped the process run smoothly by keeping noise levels low and moving around the school carefully to create the best possible environment for the children taking the test.

Saplings have enjoyed another fantastic week, including staying for lunch. It has been lovely to see such good appetites and excellent table manners. Well done to all of the children and thank you to parents for your support in helping them develop these important life skills.

Thank you to all the parents in KS1 and KS2 who were able to attend our recent parent meetings. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from teachers about learning expectations, curriculum plans and upcoming events, as well as giving parents the chance to ask questions. The presentation slides will be sent out to those who were unable to attend and, as always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

This week I also had the pleasure of meeting with the Chairs of the PTA and hearing about some of the exciting events being planned for the coming year. Our PTA work incredibly hard to support the school community, raising valuable funds and creating opportunities for children and families to come together. We are very grateful for all they do and look forward to another successful year of partnership.

Looking ahead, we have another busy and exciting week planned, including the start of after-school clubs, our SEN Coffee Morning and the much-anticipated Colour Run event.

If you are available to help with the Colour Run, particularly with setting up or throwing the coloured powder during the event, we would be extremely grateful for any support you can offer. Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another great week of learning next week.

Every Day Counts!

As we settle into a new school year, we would like to take a moment to remind families about the importance of strong attendance. Being in school every day really does make a difference. Regular attendance helps children keep up with their learning, maintain friendships, build confidence and develop the routines and resilience they need to thrive. Of course, we completely



understand that children do sometimes need to be at home when they are genuinely unwell, and there will always be unavoidable absences. However, we would encourage families to consider whether their child is well enough to come into school if they simply have a minor snuffle, a slight cough or a common cold. In many cases, children are perfectly able to learn, play and take part in the school day despite these minor ailments.

Coming to school when they are well enough can also help children develop resilience and confidence, rather than missing valuable learning and social opportunities unnecessarily.

Every day missed is a day of learning, experiences and friendships that a child cannot get back. Our aim is not perfect attendance at all costs, but to work together with families to ensure that children are in school as regularly as they can be.

Parking in the Village

We would like to remind all families of the importance of parking safely and considerately around the school. We understand that parking at drop-off and pick-up can be challenging, but we have received further concerns from local residents about vehicles blocking



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