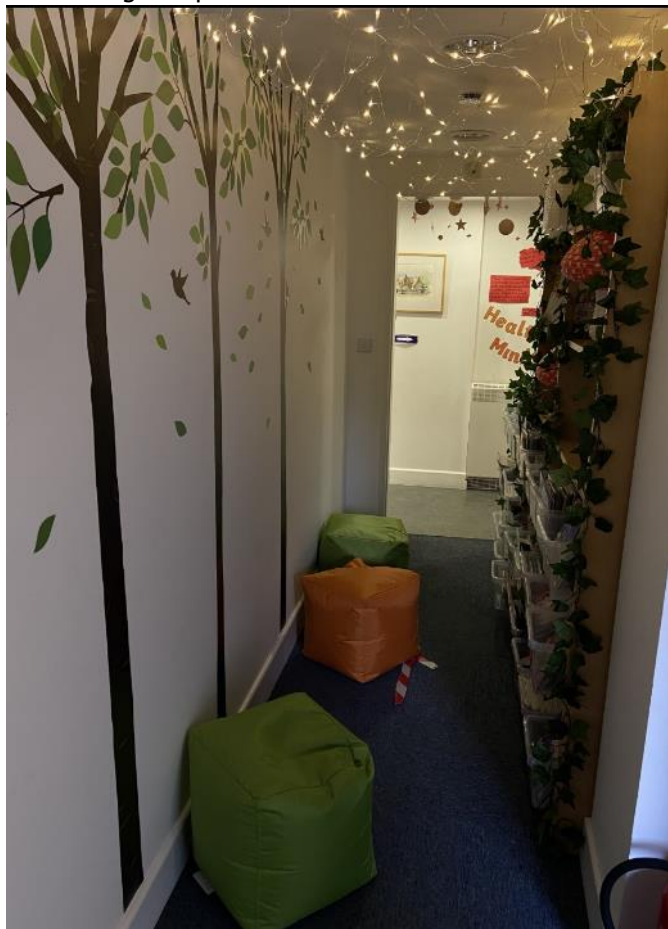


Welcome Back to School!

I hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and that you were able to enjoy the sunshine! It has been so lovely having the children back in school today. They have been sharing all their summer holiday stories with us and enjoying being back with their friends and teachers.

A special welcome to our lovely new Saplings children. The children have had a lovely morning in their new classroom with Mrs Daniels and Mrs Drysdale.

Over the holiday, we have been very busy getting the school ready for the children. Mrs Daniels and Mrs Drysdale have transformed our reading corridor into a really special and rather magical space.



It certainly has the wow factor! It has been really lovely seeing the children's reaction and hearing their gasps as they saw it for the first time today!

As part of our playground project, we have improved the storage areas on each playground and created a covered area for the children on the junior playground. As part of the children's transition, we will be talking to them about the

types of activities they can do at playtime in either the games area or the quiet area.



Harvest Time!

St Mary's church, Ide Hill will be celebrating Harvest next Sunday, 12th September with an All Age Worship at 10am. All families are warmly invited to attend. If your child would like to participate by reading a prayer or a reading, please contact the school office.

This year, we would once again like to invite families to donate to our harvest festival food collection and are relaunching our harvest box competition.



To enter, simply decorate a small box with a harvest theme – only one box per family please. You might turn your box into a hedgehog, a combine harvester, a picnic basket or surprise us with your own ideas! Once decorated, please fill the box with non-perishable goodies and bring them to school **next Friday, 10th September.**

All entries will be displayed in the church and the contents donated to the Sevenoaks Food Bank, Loaves and Fishes. This year, the boxes will be judged by our year 6 children, who will award prizes for the most creative and thoughtful boxes. Good luck everyone!

Google Forms

Thank you for communicating with us via the class Google Form, as requested. Please note that these forms have now closed so we ask please that all families now revert to contacting as usual us via the school office email office@ide-hill.kent.sch.uk

After School Club

Arrangements for the morning and after school club will remain the same as this year i.e. opening from 07.30 and closing at 17.30pm. Please make your booking online via Schoolcomms using your personal logins.

Next Week	
6 th September	
7 th September	
8 th September	
9 th September	Kent Test Day
10 th September	

12 th September	All Age Worship: Harvest at 10am
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Kent Test – 9th September

Next Thursday, some of our year 6 children will be taking the Kent Test. The children will be completing their tests in Oaks classroom with school staff and a visiting invigilator whilst the remainder of the class learn in the library. On the day, the children are required to bring a bottle of water and may bring a fruit snack and a small mascot if they wish.

We will guide the children through the tests, making clear the amount of time that they have to complete each section, when to move on and when to stop.

If you have chosen to withdraw your child from the test, we ask please that you notify us in writing as soon as possible. Thank you.

Rojo Rojo Orphanage

At the end of last term I received a lovely email from the Rojo Rojo orphanage thanking us for our continued fundraising. They were very pleasantly surprised and quite overwhelmed by the news that we had raised £1011 through our sponsored 100 event in April.

Last week, Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Caskey raised £213.50 on behalf of the school for Rojo Rojo at the bank holiday village fair. Many thanks to all those who attended and bought

from the stall. I know that our donations are always very gratefully received.

Help!

We have ordered some BiGDUG storage for the school shed and we wondered whether some parents would have the time to come into school to build it and attach it to the inside of the shed for us so that we can start to organise the PE and playtime resources. If you are able to help we would be very grateful – please contact the school office.

