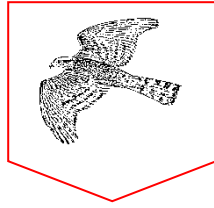


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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school/welcome to our school!

What a busy week it has been! We have had two staff training days this week – Monday the teachers all spent time planning a unit of work about The Folkestone Triennial. They visited various exhibitions, completed risk assessments and planned a week of Triennial Art based on the visits for next week. On day 2 we spent the day updating Safeguarding Policies and training.

On Wednesday – the first day of the school week - it was lovely to see the children returning to school with big smiles on their faces and looking so grown up. The children found their new teachers/classrooms with ease and settled quickly into their school day. Later on the same morning our new Reception children arrived for their first day at school! They also settled into school really well – we were very impressed!

Since then the school has had a lovely ‘buzz’ of learning in it, busy classrooms and happy children are a great combination!

Yesterday our Year 5 & 6 children went on their first trip of the term to The Triennial. They visited 4 different pieces of art, which were very different, along Wear Bay Road. When they returned to school (a little windswept to say the least!) it was wonderful to hear them talking about their favourite ‘art’ they had seen and why! I am looking forward to seeing the work they produce as a result of their visit.

Next week our Reception classes are going to visit an exhibition in St Peters Church, Year 1 and 2 are visiting two locations (including Payers Park!) Years 3 and 4 are visiting 4 very different art pieces in the Harbour area. It is lovely to have such great art on our doorstep!

As some of you may have spotted Miss Pearson is pregnant - I am sure you will want to join with me offering your congratulations! We are all very excited to know that Ralph will be having a baby brother or sister for Christmas!! We hope he is too!

For Fuleco class. The plan is that Miss Pearson will continue to be their class teacher until the Christmas holidays, after which Miss Yarrow will be returning from her maternity leave and will be their teacher. We are planning for Miss Yarrow to come into school on a regular day in Term 2 to get to know the class and teach them for part of the day in preparation for January. As a result, Miss Sotiriou will remain the class teacher for Karla Kick until the end of the summer term.

Some key dates for your diaries for this term – I am sure more will follow:

- 11th September – Kent Test for Year 6 pupils (if you have applied)
- 2nd October – Free School lunch for all as it is Census Day
- 2nd October – Class photographs
- 7th & 8th October – Parent Evenings
- 14th October – Landing Pad – Year 1 & 2 (2:15pm)
- 15th October – Landing Pad – Year 3 and 4 (2:15pm)
- 16th October Landing Pad – Year 5 and 6 (2:15pm)
- Half Term – 20th – 24th October
- Staff Training Day – 27th October
- Back to school – 28th October

On the reverse of the newsletter is the curriculum overview that our child will be following this term.
Have a super weekend