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Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

Happy new school year to you all! The autumnal weather has left us in no doubt about which term we are in. We have had a great start to our year and the children are generally very settled and happy. We have of course had a few wobbles and this is perfectly understandable when children experience any transition. We are confident that given a bit of TLC and reassurance they will quickly settle back into the routine of school life and we can already see that happening.

Curriculum

You will receive the curriculum overview for your child's year group next week. Our whole school topic this term is **'Here, There and Everywhere'** which focuses on travel and transport. We are working on bringing a range of types of transportation into the school through the term and hopefully have a tank lined up during remembrance! If there are any members of the community who may be able to help us (mechanics, travel agents, flight personnel or anything connected with travel and transport) please let us know. We want to bring this topic to life!

For further information about our overall curriculum visit the website:

<http://www.newdigate.surrey.sch.uk/the-curriculum/>

As always at the start of a new year it is appropriate to remind ourselves of our fundamental values and rules.

As a Church school with a strong Christian ethos we are committed to doing the best for all of the children in our care, making everyone feel included and valued. Our 6 values guide us and help us to do this, and we will be exploring them through the year in our daily worships and in a wider context through our interactions with each other.

Our values are:

**Love & Peace
Trust & Thanks
Forgiveness & Hope**



Our value for this half-term is Love.



Of course we will also be using our **'Bee Rules'** to remind us how we can make the right choices in our daily lives and each week we will be choosing 2 children from each class who have shown us they are following the rules in our weekly **'Busy Bee' assembly** (now on a Thursday). Look out for the sticker that will show you your child has been a **'Busy Bee'** that week and feel free to pop-in and find their 'Bee' on the board that will explain why they were chosen. If you want to know more about the values or see the 'Bee Rules' please visit our website.

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Swimming Pool

It has been such an achievement to get this back in action and being used so much by the school community. I know Mrs Chaplin is keen to make sure that we use it to the max, so don't give up swimming just yet! Don't forget that both the pool and the Rainbow Room/ outdoor space are available to hire.



Parking.

Please remember to be respectful and safe when you park your car. We do not want to put anybody at risk and therefore ask you not to park on the hill. Mrs Moon will be sending a letter next week with more detail.

Dates

In an attempt to improve communication and help you plan for your school year you will find enclosed dates for the whole year. These will be added to the website calendar next week with any necessary additional information. We hope you find it useful.

Thank you to those parents who have filled in our questionnaire. We have looked closely at your feedback and are planning how we might address any comments or areas for improvement. More will be included in the next newsletter.

Have a great weekend.

Paula Bliss, Headteacher

Up and coming events:

'Out & About' day to finish our sensory garden and general upkeep of the outdoor areas will be held on **Saturday 14th October (10-12)** Everybody welcome including children.

MacMillan Coffee morning – Friday 29th September 2017 - This will be held after school, if you are able to donate a cake or help it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs Priestley or Mrs McGinnis with any offers.