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Dear Families

Kindness, Trust, Friendship, Respect, Courage, Forgiveness

Vision statement

Our School is built on the teachings of the Bible and inspired by The Gospel Values of Faith, Hope and Love. Our Christian ethos is upheld by respecting humanity fostered through our community that is welcoming, inclusive and forgiving.

Together we flourish through courageous learning, friendships and generosity.

TO BE THE BEST THAT I CAN BE – THE WAY GOD INTENDS

September 5, 2022

School Vision and Values

It was so lovely to say hello to you and the children on Friday. The summer sun has bestowed a beautiful summer glow upon everybody. We all love the holidays, staff included! I know it can be difficult to shrug off the slower pace and get back to work, but this brings a different sense of well-being for us too.

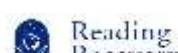
Firstly, may I thank all those who showed such gratitude to both my staff and me at the end of term. We really do appreciate your words of thanks and support written in cards, and the kind presents that you and the children give. Your generosity always astounds me – thank you so much.

Time change for start of school day

You will know by now that we have changed the times for arriving in the morning. As I explained in previous letters, all DEALT schools have opted to open earlier so that we can fulfil the Government's mandate of increased school time for pupils. This new time may cause some inconvenience and catch us all out.



Please do your best to arrive at school between 08:30 and 08-40am. The gates will close at 08.40 a.m. Teaching and learning will commence at 08:40. Often this is the time that teachers provide opportunities for small group support, over learning and re-enforcement that is personalised for children who have shown they need additional time to grow in confidence and their skills in a particular aspect of learning. It is an important time.



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You may have noticed that Mr Knight was missing on our school gate on Friday.

I explained to all the children during our collective worship that Mr Knight will be off school for quite some time. I am pleased to say that at last, he has had a knee replacement during the school holidays. He is making good recovery, but this is a slow and quite painful process.

Staff will visit him regularly; a few of us, including me, have already dropped in to visit.

I know that you will want to wish him a speedy recovery, as we will all miss him greatly. We expect him to be back at work once he is fully recovered.



In the meantime, please help in any way you can. There may be times when I need some things fixing, or moving around. I have already approached a few of our parents and grandparents to help. Please let me know if you can lend a hand from time to time.

Ms Holmes – Jude will be opening the school every morning and carrying out many of the tasks that Mr Knight would routinely do. I am also learning some new skills, monthly Legionella water testing to name but one!!

Going forward the school will be locked and alarmed at the earlier time of 17:30 hrs.

School Uniform

The children all looked very smart in our school uniform – thank you everybody!

Please can I ask that we stick to our school uniform policy.

Black shoes,

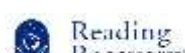
Grey or black shorts, trousers or pinafore.

White socks, and polo shirts.

School green cardigan, jumper or fleece.

Any hair accessories must be black, white or green.

No jewellery.



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Please ensure that your child wears their team colour Tee shirt for PE. PE kits can continue to be worn into school on the days their class has PE.

We have an ENORMOUS mountain of unclaimed school uniform. We will sift through and check for any names and try to return these items, but most are unnamed.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM.

I am sure we will also hold a cheap and cheerful seconds uniform sale soon.

Safety warning

You may notice that we have some new fencing in the process of being erected. Unfortunately, due to the disrupted supply chain, the Quality Fencing have not received the complete order for the gates and some fence posts. Although frustrating, there is little we can do about this at present.

Please be aware that the orange mesh around the school pond area is a temporary barrier and we have also sectioned off the area; staff will monitor this and take all possible measures to reduce the risk. All children have been asked to stay away.



Please be vigilant at the end of the school day. Thank you

New staff

Please warmly welcome Mrs Reynolds back into our teaching team. Mrs Reynolds will be our class cover teacher - releasing other staff to carry out their subject monitoring or planning roles across the school.

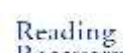
Don't forget that Ms Warner will be working for three days - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Mrs Abbott will be the class teacher on Thursday & Fridays. They have been meeting over the summer holidays in order to plan together and work out a fabulous collaborative and consistent approach for Year 4.

We also welcome some newly appointed 1:1 support assistants.

Mrs Sara Kosinozic

Mr MathewTaylor-Mew

Mrs Rebecca Comlay



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You will receive a termly newsletter from your child's class teacher. This will outline the key learning foci for each subject as well as arrangements for homework and any additional news and events that different classes are carrying out.

Meet the Teachers

This is an invitation to parents and carers to come into your child's new classroom, listen to a presentation from the class teacher about the learning, the curriculum, and class routines. It will give you the chance to ask any questions, get to know the class teachers and experience your child's classroom environment.



We will provide a play club for children to attend whilst you are at the meeting after school.

Arrangements for Meet the teacher are:

Weds.14.September 2022 – Yr 1, 2 & 6

Yr 1 – 3.30 p.m.

Yr 2 – 4.10 p.m.

Yr 6 – 3.30 p.m.

Thurs.15.September 2022 – Yr 3, 4 & 5

Yr 3 – 3.30 p.m.

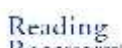
Yr 4 – 3.30 p.m.

Yr 5 – 4.10 p.m.

These may change as plans shift and more events appear. I will be organising our Harvest service this week.

Please do not hesitate to catch me on the school gates in the morning if you need a quick chat or phone the school office and speak to Mrs Knight or Mrs Beckett should you want to make an appointment to come and speak more privately with me.

I am here to listen and help.



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You can also phone to make an appointment with Mrs Fox, our inclusion and SENCO lead, Mrs Pettitt, our nurture lead or any class teacher.

We want all our pupils to be happy, healthy and enjoy their learning and friendships. We know that things can go wrong, so please let us know as soon as possible of any concerns. We want to help.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope we have a fruitful and rewarding year ahead together.

Kind regards

Justine Brown

Head Teacher

A moment for reflection

Loving Father, Thank you

for all who are part of our school. Please grant them your encouragement, wisdom and peace.

Strengthen teachers

with heavy workloads. May they be firm, yet patient, expecting excellence but forgiving mistakes.

May they support their students, playing to strengths, helping with struggles and motivating them to do their best.

Comfort and restore

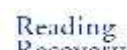
those living under shadows of unhappiness, abuse, pain or fear. May many find faith discovering their identity in You and knowing Your amazing grace in their lives.

Please pour out Your blessings

upon our whole school community.

In Jesus name.

Amen



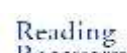
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DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
07-09-22	Yr 6 FOREST SCHOOL	Yr 6 class Wednesdays and after school club.
08-07-22	PESE – Secondary selection tests for Yr 6	Tests taking place across the day for children who have applied to take the assessments
10-09-22	Secondary School entrance tests being held at different schools	For Yr 6 pupils who have applied to take the assessments.
12-09-22	Welcome to our newest and youngest school children and families	This is the start day for the EYFS children. We hope that you are all very happy.
13-09-22	Yr 6 school trip to Chartwell House	Class newsletter will provide further information
14-09-22	Meet the Teacher Yr 1, 2, 6 Yr 1 03:30pm Yr 6 03.30pm Yr 2 04.10pm	Find out about the learning taking place in the class and meet the teachers.
15-09-22	Meet the Teacher Yr 3, 4, 5 Yr 3 – 03.30pm Yr4 – 03.30pm Yr5 – 04.10pm	
28-09-22	Deal Learning Alliance – DLA Cricket competition for Yr 3 and 4 pupils	Deal Parochial school are organising and hosting this multi school event.
29-09-22	Brain Buddies program starts in - Yr 5	A weekly program aimed for Yr 5 pupils carried out by trained NHS practitioners



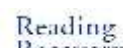
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		who are facilitating good emotional health.
10-10-22	Hello Yellow day – fund raising charity and awareness	Tag day supporting mental health
19-10-22	Kittle Photographs – individual photographs for pupils	
20-10-22	Tennis Marathon event	More information will follow
Thursday 20-10-22	Last day of term 1. There are two extra days whilst staff carry out training.	The school is closed on Friday in order for staff to carry out Autism training.
24-10-22	HALF TERM WEEK	HOLIDAY
Tuesday November 1st	Term 2 starts	Back to school
07-11-22	Parent consultation week	Tuesday 8 th , Wednesday 9 th , Thursday 10 th November. Class dates and times to be sent out nearer the time.
09-11-22	Yr 6 class trip to Canterbury Cathedral	This is by invitation from Canterbury Diocese for our Yr 6 pupils to take part in a schools event at the cathedral
21-11-22	Pupil assessment week	All pupils will carry out a range of subject based assessments to inform teachers of progress and knowledge. These are particularly helpful for teachers to see how well pupils are getting on with their learning.



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23-11-22	Book Fair For one week Finishes 30-11-22	Parents are invited to come into the hall and purchase some fabulous new children's books.
02-12-22	Christmas Fair	TBC. Please save the date. This is usually a fun event that takes place after school on Friday. We need parent help and volunteers to make this happen.
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Service and Nativity	TBC. More information to follow
14-12-22	School Christmas Dinner	A rowdy event of fun and fabulous food cooked by Jude and Cath our school cooks.
15-12-22	Class Christmas parties	An afternoon of games and dancing for the children
Friday 16-12-22	LAST DAY OF TERM 2. A full school day. Christingle Service held at school and led by our Yr 3 pupils will take place in the afternoon. Yr 3 parents are invited to attend.	The Christingle service will start at 14:00hrs. School day finishes at 15:15 hrs - same as usual. The Christmas holidays begin at 15:15 hrs !!

