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Newsletter 1

Head Teacher's News

Welcome back!

It has been a great couple of days at school. With the lifting of most restrictions, we have been able to enjoy many of the elements of school life that we had so missed. On Thursday morning, we started the school year with a Collective Worship together in the school hall. In doing so, it occurred to us that this was the first occasion on which everyone joined together in the hall for 17 months! It was just so inspiring to see the children all together again. We talked about using this 'new start' as a chance to ensure that we are always being the best version of ourselves: taking pride in our learning; being a caring and helpful friend and showing respect to ourselves, the school and our community. I was delighted with the reflective way the children talked about the subject and it was a good reference point for starting the year.

This week, we have also welcomed our new Badgers and their families into our community. It is always a great pleasure to expand our community, and I know I speak for everyone at Radnage when I say a massive 'welcome'!!! It was lovely to see the children showing such confidence on Thursday when they came into the classroom, and this only developed as the morning went on as they engaged in a range of activities (painting was particularly popular). Next week, they will start their full days as they continue to settle into school life.

On Wednesday 7th September at 8:00pm, we will be holding a meeting of the PTA at the British Legion in Radnage. We are planning on holding a 'Radnage Revival' celebration at the school on Saturday 18th September, and this meeting will be crucial for arranging the key elements of this event. In addition, it will be a chance to discuss the year ahead and plan as many fundraising events as we can. Having had a year and half during which options were significantly limited, it will be crucial to start back with raising much-needed funds for the school. Please do try to attend.

On Tuesday afternoon, our Year 6 children will be sitting their Secondary Transfer Test practice papers, followed by the real thing on Thursday morning. These papers will take place in the school hall. Obviously, we always make sure that the children are carefully looked after to ensure that the process is not too stressful for them. However, if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing relating to the papers, please speak to myself or Miss Clark and we can discuss ways forward.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone back for a full week on Monday.

Sam Browne



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Garden Sunday

On Sunday 12th September, St Mary's Church are holding their Garden Sunday event. The theme this year is 'bugs'!

As part of this, there is a children's artwork competition. Children need to design an A3 or A4 piece of artwork celebrating all of the amazing bugs you might find in our community. There are two categories: 7 Years and under and 8 years and over, with a prize for the first and second in each category. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer explaining what the children need to do. Entries need to be received by the 10th September, so get creating!

Diary Dates

Date	Occasion	Location	Who?
September 2021			
Weds 8th – 8:00pm	PTA Meeting	Radnage Legion	Everyone!
Sun 12th	Garden Sunday	St Mary's Church, Radnage	Everyone
Weds 15th	Forest School starts for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	School	Reception and Year 1/2
Sat 18th	Radnage Revival	Whole School	Everyone
Weds 22nd – 7:30pm	FGB	School	Governing Body
October 2021			
Mon 11th	Individual School Photos	School Hall	All children plus siblings)
Thurs 21st	Break up for Half Term	Whole School	Everyone
Fri 22nd	INSET Day	Whole School	Staff
November 2021			
Mon 1st	School restarts	Whole School	Everyone
December 2021			
Weds 1st	Flu Vaccinations	School Hall	Children
Thurs 16th	Reception and Year 1/2 visit to Norden Farm	Norden Farm	Reception and Year 1/2
Fri 17th – 1:30pm	Break up for Christmas	Whole School	Everyone



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