



Collaborating for Success

13th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Autumn Information Letter 2

It has been wonderful to see the children settle, happily back into the school routines this week. Here are some news items and information to keep you in touch of what's going on in school.

Promoting Mental Health and Wellbeing

This year the school will be using resources and approaches to promote positive behaviour, mental health, wellbeing, resilience and achievement. The work will build on the Growth Mind-set principles shared with parents and pupils last year.

All classrooms will soon be displaying some key phrases to help the pupils' with their learning...

- Be the best you can be
- The power of YET; It's not that I can't do it, I just can't do it yet
- It's okay to make mistakes
- We all learn by making mistakes

As teaching staff, we believe that the consistent use of this language will have a positive impact upon the children throughout school and provide many of them with life skills and strategies to overcome challenges and promote their resilience.

There is a proven link between pupils' health and wellbeing, and their academic progress. Crucial skills and positive attitudes developed through comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE) are critical to ensuring children are effective learners. There will be more information and events to follow throughout the year.

Inspirational Maths Week 24th-28th September

Following the success of last year, KS1 and KS2 will be exploring and discovering more about mathematics and how it can be creative, exciting, and visual and even expand our minds! We will be working together on different open ended problems and considering how to be great mathematical thinkers. We believe that everyone can do maths and be successful problem solvers.

Home School Link Books

We are working hard to use a consistent approach throughout all aspects of school as we recognise that this helps pupils feel secure and safe in their learning environment. We would therefore ask that all pupils use a Norton Juxta Kempsey CE First School Home/School Link book as this contains valuable resources and a standardised means of communicating and method to record reading at home. The books are available from the school office.

Read, Write, Inc.

The school have recently invested in training and resources for all staff to implement the Read, Write, Inc. programme. This is a consistent and proven programme of teaching early reading and writing that has a hugely beneficial impact on pupils' learning. A Read, Write, Inc. workshop will be available for parents to attend during our autumn parent consultation evenings along with a book fair provided by 'The Book People' with resources available to buy. Many thanks to the PTA who have promised a large sum of money for the school to use to purchase Read, Write, Inc. reading books. These will be coming home soon with our EYFS and KS1 pupils.

Kind regards

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