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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°1)
3rd September 2019
Information in brief:

- Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer break with your family and friends.
- Firstly I would like to extend a welcome to our parents and carers of new Yr3 children who are joining us on Thursday. **Only Yr3** - Please bring your children into school through reception on Thursday 5th September 2019 where they will be taken to the school hall to be greeted by their new teacher and LSA. From Friday 6th September 2019 they can arrive and leave through their cloakroom door. PE kits are needed this week.
- I would also like to extend a welcome back to our children in Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6. Their PE kits are also needed in school this week. Remember that the new PE kit is compulsory for Yr3, Yr4 and Yr5 and optional for Yr6. If Yr6 do not have the new kit then black shorts and white t-shirt is required.
- A few reminders for the Autumn Term:
  - 'Meet the Teacher' Yr3 and Yr6 on Wednesday 11th September 2019 in the classroom.
  - 'Meet the Teacher' Yr4 and Yr5 on Thursday 12th September 2019 in the classroom.
  - Yr5 mobile Planetarium visit to the school on Wednesday 11th September 2019.
  - Yr5 and Yr6 Residential presentation to parents and carers on Monday 16th September 2019 at 7pm for Yr5 visit to Swanage and 7.45pm for Yr6 visit to Little Canada, Isle of Wight.
  - Yr4 visit to Winchester Cathedral on Tuesday 17th September 2019.
  - Yr3 visit to Blue Reef Aquarium, Portsmouth on Wednesday 18th September 2019.
  - Coffee morning for our helpers in school on Wednesday 18th September 2019.
  - Yr5 Swimming lessons begin at Hart Leisure Centre on Wednesday 25th September 2019 for 10 weeks.
  - Class KL Assembly on Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 2.45-3.15pm in the hall. Parents, carers and grandparents are very welcome to come along and watch.
  - Yr4 Ufton Court Residential presentation on Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 7pm in the hall.
  - Please take care when parking around the school as parking is limited. The front car park is for staff only and the side car park is for deliveries, taxis and disabled drivers. There is a drop and kiss bay in the front car park that can be used during the hours of 8.30 and 8.45am. If you arrive after these times then you will need to sign your child in at reception.
  - Please remember to sign up to both Scopay and Parentmail if you haven't already done so. Scopay is our online payment system which is our preferred way of payment for school meals, school visits, residentials and BASC. Parentmail is our way of communication via text messages and emails. All our letters and newsletters are sent out via Parentmail and are also added to our website www.guillemont.org.uk. If you are having difficulty accessing either of these, then please contact the school office. Please make sure your details are correct on both Scopay (www.scopay.com) and Parentmail (https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk).
  - School meals are now £2.40. All school meals have to be paid for in advance as no credit for meals can be given. The best way to do this is to add a lump sum onto your account in Scopay and set a reminder for when the amount of credit falls below a certain amount. Alternatively we accept cash or cheque in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. There is a black box in reception for receipt of all monies and letters. If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, please either contact us or visit https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals for further information. You will need to be in receipt of certain benefits to be entitled to free school meals.

Best wishes

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