



Friday 11th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to be back in school and to have such lovely weather so that the children can enjoy outdoor learning, time to play on the field and lots of outdoor PE time. It has been great to welcome Mr Bennett [Trust PE Leader] back into school this week so he can work with staff to teach Quidditch and consider how games can work best in different year groups. We are looking forward to a range of exciting learning during this half-term as well as ensuring the children have a number of opportunities to be active.

New Classes and Transition

Next week, I will send a newsletter outlining which adults will be working with your child/children next year. This is at the same time as normal to make sure there are lots of opportunities to get used to what September will look like. As well as this, in the same letter, I will outline what the children's transition will look like so that families know how the school will support the children to prepare for September.

School Vision and the Kevin Smith Story



In the newsletter before half-term, I explained how we had used collective worship to think about the school vision and the Kevin Smith story. I wanted to outline this story briefly now as it is a story the children know well but I want families to have the same opportunities to engage with this.

Kevin Smith attended our school many years ago but did not attend Wath Comprehensive School as his family moved to Mousehole in Cornwall. Kevin was always fascinated by the sea and on leaving school he had fulfilled his ambition by becoming a merchant sailor and a volunteer on the Penlee Lifeboat. After returning home from sea and not feeling well in December 1981, Kevin received a telephone call to say the ship The Union Star, a container tanker, was running aground in mountainous seas. Although he wasn't feeling well, Kevin went to quayside and as he was an excellent sailor he was one of the chosen few to try and save the sailors and the captain's family on board. Unfortunately, none of the sailors on the lifeboat, including Kevin, made it back to the shore alive. However, this wasn't the end of the story for our school as a short while after his family sent a letter to school and a trophy. The letter asked that each year the trophy be awarded to two Year 6 children leaving our school who have shown some of Kevin's qualities through their journey throughout school. This is why we have the school vision in the form that it is in.

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Breakfast Club in September and Outstanding Dinner Money

If you would like your child or children who are F2 or older in September to have the opportunity to attend breakfast club, please contact Mrs Burrows via school@wce.jmat.org.uk with requirement's as she will begin allocating places straight away. Families who have attended this year still need to do this also. She will contact families and confirm places by 30.06.21.

Also, if you have any outstanding dinner money, please pay this promptly as we would like any balances to be settled well before the end of the year.

Safety outside school

Our school community is very respectful of each other's safety and we all try to make sure we are thinking of others as well as ourselves. When waiting to enter or leave school at the main entrance, please leave space for people to pass without the need for them to walk off the footpath.

If you have any questions about the information in this newsletter, please contact me through the usual means.

Yours sincerely

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