



Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you had a good summer break and that the new term has started well for both you and your son.

Certainly from our perspective the term has started calmly, with the pupils getting back into school routines. Of course a new school year always brings changes, with new pupils, new staff and for most pupils new classrooms in which they are based. The boys have coped well with these changes this week.

The staff returned to work on Monday for a shared INSET day with the staff from the other schools in our OHCAAT hub – St Dominic's School and Grafham Grange School. All the staff were together throughout the morning during which we participated in Safeguarding training followed by work on ethos and culture within our schools. In the afternoon we divided into various groups – with administrative staff meeting together, education staff together, behaviour team staff together as well as induction training for all new staff, regardless of their departments.

It proved to be a beneficial day and highlighted the benefits of working across schools. This is something we hope to develop and embed over the coming year where staff with particular expertise in a given area, support colleagues across schools, for the benefit of the pupils.

I wanted to let you know that Mr Victor Frost and Mrs Maxine Frost who have worked here for many years retired at the end of August. Both were valued members of our Housekeeping team and had served scores of children here over many years. We are immensely grateful to them both for their contribution and wish them well in the next stage of their lives.

Finally, as we start a new academic year, please can I encourage you to make contact with us should you have a question or a concern. We are always happy to meet to talk through any issues.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

Neptune:

We've had a great week in Neptune. We have started a new topic, 'Heroes' and the boys have decided to learn about real life heroes. As such, we are focussing on a different 'hero' for each foundation subject. In History we will be looking at the key people who worked towards the abolition of the slave trade. In Science we will be learning about DNA and the heroes Charles Darwin, Crick & Watson. For R.E. we are looking at Buddhism and will research the Dalai Lama. I have really enjoyed getting to know the boys this week and am looking forward to the year ahead.

Mars:

We have had a good start to the new school year in Mars class and have really hit the ground running. We have started working on our new topic, Heroes and Villains and have been thinking about the attributes that make a hero. In Maths we have been learning about place value and roman numerals and in history we have been learning about crime and punishment in ancient Rome. Some of the punishments have been quite gruesome and shocking!

We have been making good friends in our new group and hope that this will continue in the coming weeks.

Mercury:

Hello, my name is Miss White and I am the new class teacher for Mercury. I currently have two teaching assistants working alongside me, which are Mrs Haylor and our new teaching assistant Miss Smith. Mercury has had a good first week back after the summer holidays. With two new pupils starting in the class, Mercury seem to be settling in well and are trying very hard to complete the work that has been set for this current academic term. The topic that we will be looking at until half term will be Superheroes, and so far the boys seem like they are enjoying.

Titan:

The wonderful boys of Titan have had a fantastic first week back at school. We have seen many positive attitudes and the boys have returned showing they are ready to learn. In English, the boys have been learning about recounts and adverbials. They have been aiming to ensure their tense is consistent throughout their writing. In Maths, Titan have further embedded and built upon their understanding of place value, sequencing and rounding. The class have also enjoyed listening and discussing music from superhero movies, as well as designing a costume for a character.

Jupiter: What a wonderfully positive start to the new term. Jupiter have been incredibly engaged in their learning, working and collaborating together to help and support each other as well as finding out information from a peer. Our maths has ranged from counting up from zero as high as we can go, to adding 2 and 3 digit numbers using the column method. In art we started designing our super heroes with hilarious results showing a magnificent imagination and sense of humour within the class. Tyler's Hero Chicken was the stand out- an over-sized chicken that has human arms with laser beams attached, a utility belt and knee high boots! Keep up the positive attitude to learning boys, well done.

Saturn:

Saturn boys have had a good first week back, especially as we have returned to our Saturn classroom, with the use of our lovely garden, which the boys have taken advantage of fully; furthermore, we have had a fantastic sand pit put in over the summer holidays which, again, the boys have loved playing in. We have spent time this week working together and socializing in order to give everyone the chance to get to know each other. The boys have started well and have already made some new friendships, as well as strengthening some old ones. We have welcomed our new teaching assistant Miss Emma Richardson, whom the boys have already warmed to. Overall, a great start to the new school year!



Pluto:

Hello, I am Mrs Mitchison the new teacher of Pluto class and assisting me I have Miss Crouch. Pluto have had a positive start to the year and have settled into their new class well. In Maths they have been playing multiplication games and refreshing their basic maths skills. In English they enjoyed talking about their favourite day in the Summer holidays and then writing a recount of the day. In Design and Technology they had a challenge to build the tallest tower out of marshmallows and dry spaghetti. This activity got sticky and challenged their perseverance however both boys worked well as a team and successfully made towers.

Brantridge Weekly - Roll Of Honour!

TOP OF THE LEAGUE

1st Felix, Taylor, Joe, Isaac & Tyler H – 297 points



TITAN

King of the Golds	Isaac
Star of the Week	Louis

MARS

King of the Golds	Felix
Star of the Week	Taylor

SATURN

King of the Golds	Blake
Star of the Week	none

MERCURY

King of the Golds	Aaron
Star of the Week	none

JUPITER

King of the Golds	Tyler
Star of the Week	Toby

NEPTUNE

King of the Golds	Joe
Star of the Week	Kyle

Pluto

King of the Golds	Tyler
Star of the Week	Tyler

Forest School Award	None

Therapies:

The whole school has been targeting 'sitting to learn' this week in the Social Communication Programme. I'm sure if you ask your child what this means they will be able to show you. This target aims to support our pupils to develop their attention and listening skills by sitting with the correct posture so that they can attend to others and learn to the best of their abilities.



Next week's Social Communication Programme target is: 'Stay on task'.

This target is to encourage our pupils to stay on task and to not get distracted by other things. For example our thoughts, other people or events. In addition 'Stay on task' relates to staying on topic, as some of our pupils find it difficult to stick to a topic of conversation.



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Mid Sussex Wellbeing

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Please contact Sally Bourns School Nurse