



3rd September 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday and that your child has had a good start to the new academic year. May I take this opportunity to welcome all parents who are new to the school. I look forward to working with you during your time with us.

What's new?

School *twitter* page!



Please check out and follow us on our new school twitter account **@kelseyprimary**

Here we will aim to keep you up-to-date with what's happening in school each week and celebrate our children's achievements.

If you do not wish for your child to feature in any media online, please let us know using the form attached.

Class names! Please be aware that our classes for this year have been named after famous authors.

Miss Langridge – *Beatrix Potter*

Miss Thomson – *Dr Seuss*

Mrs Clarke – *William Shakespeare*

Mr Evans – *Jacqueline Wilson*

Mr Brown - *Terry Pratchett*



Reading records – We have invested in some exciting new reading records. We kindly ask that your child reads every day for 15 minutes, where possible to an adult or older sibling, and that their reading record is signed so that we can celebrate this in school. We have attached some useful comprehension questions that you can ask your child to check their understanding of their books!

Reminder - please make sure your child is in full school uniform. In particular, black school shoes should be worn.

Attendance

It is vital your child is in school on time every day.

We are currently reviewing our school holiday leave policy. Please be aware that the current policy states that holiday leave will currently only be granted in 'exceptional circumstances'.

Homework

We are also reviewing our homework policy and more information will follow soon. For years 1-6, it will help your child with their maths if they practice their times tables regularly at home each week. Your child's class teacher will advise which times tables they need to know! The following link may help them practise: <https://www.mathsisfun.com/timestable.html>

In addition, we would like all classes from Y1-6 to continue to practise telling the time every week, if possible with an adult. This is a particular area for development that we have noticed. See: <http://www.teachingtime.co.uk/> and <http://www.homeschoolmath.net/online/clock.php> for fun activities to try with your child!

Diary dates – Half term

School closes – Fri 19th October 2018 and re-opens Mon 29th October (further dates are available on our website).

Yours sincerely,

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