Thursday 30th August 2018

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to a new and exciting term! I hope you and your family have had a brilliant summer break. I look forward to meeting you all during the forthcoming parents’ evenings. In the meantime, here is some information I think you will find useful.

Reading

We continue to encourage children to read regularly. Please record in the home school diary as usual and sign when you have heard your child read at least three times a week. We expect children will read daily at home. Children are free to change their books independently (with guidance in some cases).

Maths

Regular practise of calculation strategies taught is essential, along with rapid recall of all multiplication and associated division facts. Every Thursday, your child will participate in a weekly X-Factor times table test. These sheets will be sent home every week so you can see how your child is progressing.

Below is a list of websites you may find useful, there are also many good apps available for phones and tablets. http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/

http://www.topmarks.co.uk/

http://mathszone.co.uk/

https://www.timestables.co.uk/

P.E.

Please ensure your child’s P.E. kit is kept at school all week just in case P.E. sessions have to change. Outdoor P.E. will take place on Tuesdays and swimming lessons will take place every Thursday from 30th August until 11th October. I would advise you to label all items of clothing including plimsolls!
The following table shows homework information with the relevant days for tasks to be returned.

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<th>TASK</th>
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<td><strong>Reading</strong>: Your child is expected to read daily. Please ensure your child reads at least three times a week to an adult.</td>
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<td>Home-school diaries are checked each Thursday.</td>
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<td><strong>Spelling homework</strong></td>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Vocabulary activity sheet handed in &amp; words tested on Wednesday of the following week.</td>
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<td><strong>Wider curriculum homework (covering a variety of different subjects)</strong></td>
<td>Friday - on a fortnightly basis.</td>
<td>Homework book handed in on a Thursday - one week after the task being set.</td>
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Please find our autumn half term curriculum map attached. If you have any information, objects or skills that may be useful for these topics please bring them into school.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your support,

Ms Holden,

Deputy Head Teacher