Friday September 9th

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year – I hope that you had a fabulous summer break!

Your children have returned from holidays full of enthusiasm, and we’ve had a great start to the term.

The term begins with a new topic ‘Where do we live?’ which will include lots of interesting and exciting new challenges for pupils. To see an overview of what we’ll be doing this half term please look on our Amethyst class webpage on the school website.

In Year 3, we will be encouraging the children to develop even more independence in their learning and they will be given more responsibilities. You will have received a separate letter detailing our ‘Spelling Bee’ challenge, which will involve spelling homework. The list of words for the week will be sent home on a Friday to be learnt by the following Friday (Thursday if it is a forest week). We will also be introducing a times tables challenge, where the children will be quizzed on a weekly basis (details to follow). This is an important age for developing readers and I recommend that children should read at home for a minimum of ten minutes every day. This should preferably be with an adult so that you can discuss the book or even take it in turns to read.

Reading Diaries in Year 3 are a good means of communication between home and school and will continue to be reviewed and acknowledged on a daily basis. Please support your children to take care of these important diaries, so that we have a way of communicating with you.

Please ensure that your child’s PE kits are in school every day. Once a week, PE will be outside and as the weather gets colder the children will need track suit/jogging bottoms in school. Please also ensure that all PE kit is named. As the weather starts to get colder, please also remember that girls who wear tights should have a pair of socks kept in their PE bag to wear with their trainers.

Here are some forthcoming dates of interest:

- Welcome coffee morning 19th September at 9.15-9.45 am.
- Our first class trip to Ashdown Forest will be on 11th October. If you’d like to help, please let the office know.

It would also be wonderful if any parents would be willing to help read with the class – even an hour a week would make a huge difference.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wells