



PANSHANGER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Holt BEd. (Hons).

Friday 2nd September 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a lovely summer break and that the children are ready to return to school. Some of them may be feeling quite nervous (which is understandable) but I am sure as they get used to their new teaching staff / new routines they will feel more relaxed and confident. If there are any specific class queries, please email the class teacher (all the email addresses are on the class pages on the website).

Staff have been working hard in school to prepare for the children to return and we have had some necessary maintenance work completed e.g. new flooring for the toilet areas in Years 2, 3 and 4, also in the staff room, offices and main reception. It looks lovely. A new fence has been built within the Foundation Stage and this work will continue with new fencing around the pond area.

Swimming

We would like to keep the swimming pool open (for at least September) allowing the children in KS1 and KS2 (Years 1 - 6) an extra opportunity to develop their swimming skills and water confidence. The children in Foundation Stage (Reception and Nursery) will be spending time getting used to their new teaching staff / classrooms and routines and will not swim until next year.

Swimming timetable (September 2022)

Monday: Yrs. 1,2,3

Tuesday: Yr. 4

Wednesday: Yrs. 3,5

Thursday: Yrs. 1,2,5,6

Friday: Yrs. 4,6



The children will need their normal swimming kit including: towel, swimming kit (one piece please for all the girls), hat, flip flops (other shoes).

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Monthly Challenges

The monthly challenges were initially introduced during the Covid lockdowns as a way for the children to feel connected with the school during those difficult times. We have found them very well supported by families and have decided to keep them going for a little longer. The children will no longer get a small prize for taking part but will earn points for their 'house'. The winning house will be announced at the end of each term.

September Challenge - Tuesday 13th September is Positive Thinking Day. Another way of describing this is having a 'Growth Mindset'. To gain house points, please can the children think about what these phrases mean e.g. draw pictures to show what being positive looks like / create a poster sharing ideas about a growth mindset / write a story where a character displays a growth mindset / write a poem describing positivity etc. There are lots of creative ways to show their understanding.

These ideas can be brought into school and given to class teachers or emailed to Mrs Holt head@panshanger.herts.sch.uk before the end of September, next month will be a new challenge.

Diary dates for the term are being finalised and will be sent out next week with the class newsletters where teachers will share information about the curriculum content for the 1st half of the Autumn term. Please check the class pages on the school website as these are being updated with photos sharing some of the topics / work the children will be completing.



Yours sincerely,
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