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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2018. I hope that you all had a good Christmas break and managed to spend some quality time together as a family. The children certainly came back with lots of exciting tales to tell! I have been really pleased to see the children pick up and continue their learning journey from where they left off in December.

Last term was a real success story for Kents Hill School – and with your support I would like to make this term even more successful. Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to assist with the renovation of the library. We have had a number of volunteers to sand and varnish various pieces of furniture. It has been an ambitious project but one that we are sure will be worth the effort.

Simon Bolger

Goodbye

It is with a degree of sadness that I must inform you that our office manager, **Mrs Valerie Forsey**, will be retiring at the end of this half-term. She joined Kents Hill School in October 2005 and I am sure at some point she has helped you, assisted you or given you some advice. For a number of years she has been the ‘engine’ of the school and she has worked tirelessly to ensure that we have a smooth running school office. Her dedication to the local community is amazing and a number of generations of children are lucky to have benefitted from her nurturing and committed attitude. On behalf of everyone in the Kents Hill School community, past and present, I would like to thank Valerie for everything she has done for the school – and of course, to wish her and her husband a very happy retirement.

I will provide an update in the coming weeks of any changes to staffing in the office.

Parking

Please be mindful and considerate of where you choose to park your car before and after school. The gates at the front of the school must be kept clear at all times – and the bays marked ‘Disabled’ are for disabled badge holders only. Thank you for your support on this matter.

On the matter of parking, I would also like to remind you that babies, toddlers and young children should never be left alone in the car whilst you drop off siblings. The law says parents can be prosecuted if they leave a child unsupervised “in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health”.

Head bumps

We have reviewed our First Aid Policy and the school has decided to inform parents of any head bumps that take place during the school day via a courtesy email. We have made this decision to act as a failsafe in case head bump notes are not received or lost in the bottom of book bags. If it is a serious head bump requiring your urgent attention then the school will call parents via telephone. If you receive a head bump courtesy to email then you do not need to contact us – it is for your information.

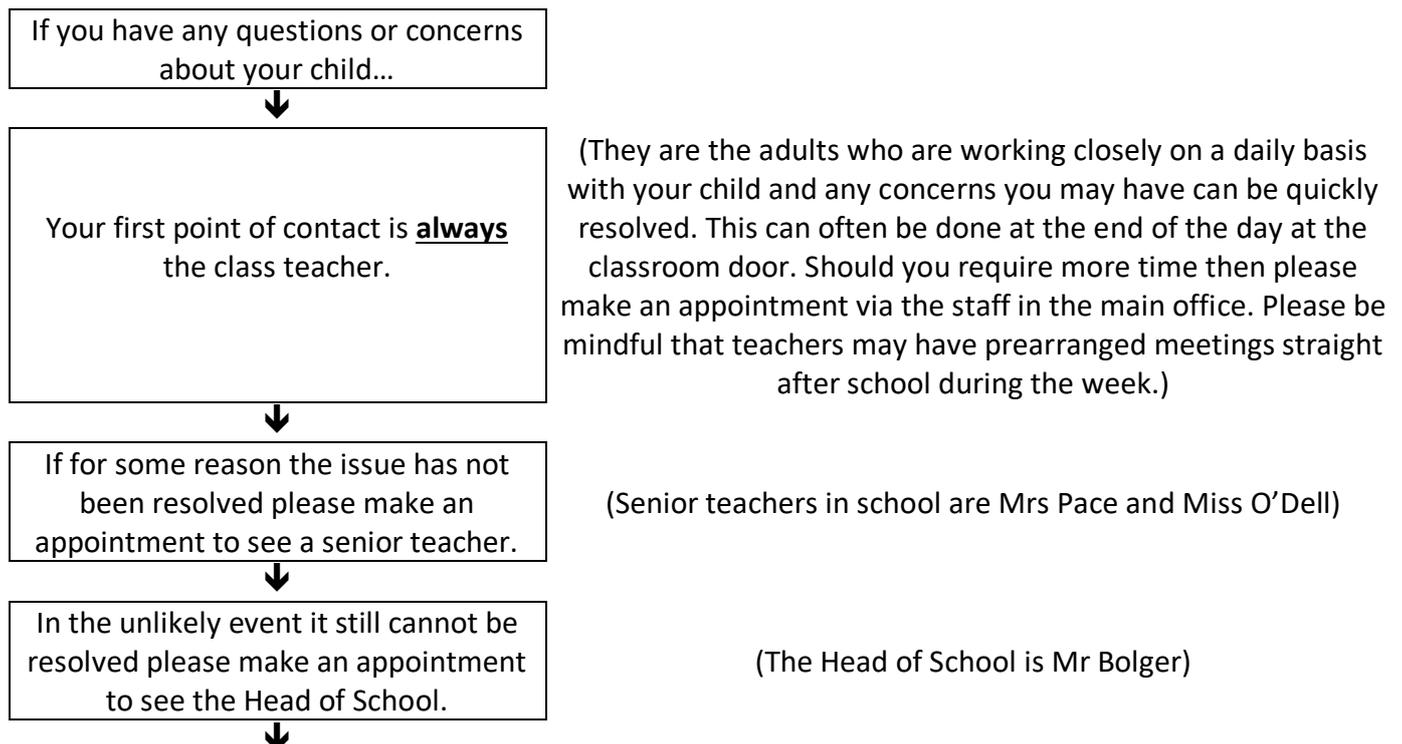
Attendance Awards

Well done to the following **44** children who have attended school for 100% of the time without any authorised or unauthorised absences and have never been late. They have all earned their 100% attendance badges. This means **30%** of our Reception and Key Stage 1 children attended 100% of the time last half term. Can we do better next term?

<u>Ash</u>	<u>Beech</u>	<u>Chestnut</u>	<u>Elm</u>	<u>Oak</u>	<u>Willow</u>
Sofia	Nina	Lena	Holly	Alex	Kallai
Jamie	Isabella	Amelia	Sabina	Oliver	Aiden
Evie E	Henry	Michael	Annabelle	Kelvin	Asif
Kiwako	Christian	Inaayah	Nehan	Leo	Alex H
Anna	Jasmine	Ernest	Drew	Alec	Patryk
Aoife		Sophie	Heidi	Alianna	Samuel
Charlotte		Benjamin		Callum	Dawid
		Ryan		James	Jasmine S
		Verity			Thalia-Mae

Chains of communication

Communication is extremely important to us in helping to support your child. The following protocol ensures that **all parents** follow the same process:



In the unlikely event it still cannot be resolved please make an appointment to see the Executive Head.

(The Executive Head is Mrs Edwards)

Late for registration

The school doors open at 8.50am and close at 9.00am. Anyone arriving after 9.00am must enter the school via the main office and parents will be asked to sign in the 'late book' the reason for their child's lateness. Simply writing 'late' or 'doors were shut' is not an acceptable reason. You must indicate the reason for the lateness.

School Website

Did you know that you can find information about term dates, the curriculum, other key information and policies on the school website: www.kentshillschool.org.uk.

Children in Need

We are very proud to announce that we raised a fantastic **£148.87** for Children in Need on our 'spotty dress up day'. Well done and thank you.

Hot lunches

If your child is absent from school and you have booked a hot dinner then please remember to log on to Live Kitchen and cancel the meal. If the meal is not cancelled then the catering company will send the meal and the food will be wasted – and the school will also be charged for the meal. We want to be able to spend money on resources that support children's learning, rather than spend it on uneaten lunches.

Dates for your diary – more dates will be confirmed as the term progresses...

Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day – dress up as a book character
8 th – 13 th March	Book fair in school
Thursday 15 th March	School Council Elections
Wednesday 21 st March	Spring Craft Event 3.15 – 4.30pm
Friday 23 rd March	Sport Relief
Friday 23 rd March	3.00pm School closes for Easter holiday

More information will follow about a number of these dates.
