Howbridge Church of England Junior School

‘ Together We Shine ’

Diocese of Chelmsford
Vine Schools Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We were so happy to see all of our children on Thursday, All looking smart and radiating positivity.

We shared our first morning in collective worship, where we sang, reaffirmed rules and did a virtual tour of the wonderful changes that have happened in our school over the summer.

Please look at our Facebook page to see some of the internal improvements. More to come next week!

Our Year 3 children have settled well and are learning the routines of their new school.

Please look at the diary dates for this term, as we are welcoming families from each year group to come and meet the team and talk about the year ahead.

Thank you all for your support in making Howbridge a school of inspiration and curiosity.

Have a lovely weekend

Ms Levett

Pick up on the patio

For all new parents, please be assured that collecting your children from school is not generally as busy as it has been so far. This is because lots of families bought multiple family members for such a monumental event. Their first day in year 3!

Can we please ask that you do not crowd the gates, as it is difficult for the children to spot their adult over the crowd and we will never release the children unless we are confident they are safe. Please take a few steps back and leave the patio promptly.

Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd Sept– First Day of Term

Thursday 10th Sept— FOHJS AGM

Monday 14th Sept– Year 5 and 6 Parent Meeting 3.30pm

Wednesday 16th Sept—Lift Maltings Open Evening

Thursday 17th Sept—Lift Rickstones Open Evening and School Photographs

Thursday 1st Oct– School Census

Friday 9th Oct— Non-pupil Day

Friday 16th Oct– Parent Consultations

Monday 19th Oct– Half Term commences

Monday 2nd Nov— Children return to school

Tuesday 3rd Nov– Parent Consultations

Wednesday 16th Dec– Year 5 and 6 Christmas Service at St Nicolas

Wednesday 16th Dec— Whole School Christmas Dinner

Friday 18th December– Last day of Autumn Term

Year 3

Parents, please try to leave your children at the gate as soon as possible. This develops their independence and starts their day positively.

Parent Feedback : Workshops and School Opportunities

We are always looking for ways to improve the support, information and training we offer to parents and carers.

Mrs Alger and I would really appreciate your feedback on the types of workshops, coffee mornings and training sessions that would be most useful for you. Please complete our short survey to help us plan future events and support opportunities.

 Complete the survey here:
https://forms.gle/zHweLDSMMBKxhspB8

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Kind regards,
Mrs Glynn and Mrs Alger