



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 3 September

Welcome back – or indeed, welcome to Akrotiri School!

I hope that you have had a super summer and managed to get some well-deserved rest. Equally, I hope that our new families had a smooth transition onto the island and that you are beginning to acclimatise to your new surroundings. It was tremendous to meet so many new families on the look around of the 31 August – the number almost caught us out, but I hope we managed to ensure everybody had the opportunity for a good look around and have any questions answered.

Day 1, yesterday, started through our new entrances on either side of the campus. The children looked very smart in their uniforms and ensured that all bikes and scooters were parked smartly and safely. Cloakrooms were (and remain) immaculate which sets the tone for our high expectations which all children have well and truly met – no excuse for messy bedrooms now!? Mr Ball's class were awarded the Tidy Ted today for their very conscientious approach to the start of the day – keep it up!

Our assembly today focussed on the core values – HEART – *honesty, empathy, aspiration, respect and teamwork*. Children demonstrated great respect for each other, their teachers and the environment with their response to the first couple of days. I have been so impressed with every year group who have all stepped up to the mark and been excited to show how they can achieve the expectations that we have of them. It bodes well for a very successful year and I can't wait!

Classes are focussing on establishing routines, rules and identities over the next week. This year the classes will be named after authors and these will be announced in a special assembly on Thursday. Each class is designing their own welcome board which will identify the author and recognises each child within the class. Children will be encouraged to scrutinise themselves as learners and consider their aspirations for the year ahead and beyond.

In order to record this special time of year we have the school photographer coming in on 20 and 21 September. More information will be promulgated from the school office – watch this space.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner
Headmaster

