



September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. It is really great to have all the children back in school and we are looking forward to teaching them. The following letter contains information about the coming term and reminders about uniform expectations and PE kit. Mrs Arnold will be keeping you informed of the new drop off and collection procedures we have had to put in place for the children and we ask that you bear with us if adjustments need to be made to improve its running.

Please find attached an overview of the main topics and subjects we will be covering in Year Four this term, as well as a copy of your child's timetable.

Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Adcock will be supporting Year Four classes this year.  
Mr Morgan and Mrs Twiggs will provide PPA cover for teaching.

### Uniforms:

It is lovely to see all the children looking so smart in their school uniform. **Please could you make sure that all items of clothing, including shoes, coats, PE kits and plimsolls, are named.** Full school uniform is to be worn every day. Please ensure suitable length skirts for girls, ideally to the knee. We have a no jewellery policy. Stud earrings may be worn, but must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Children with long hair need to wear it tied back and it should be of a natural colour.

On the days the children have PE, we are now asking that the children continue to come in dressed in their PE kit. This helps to minimise the amount of things the children have to bring in to school. **PE will be on a Thursday and a Friday for Year Four.**

#### Kit List:

- Plain white t-shirt and plain dark shorts.
  - A jumper - this can be their school jumper or a plain black or navy sweatshirt with no logos if preferred
  - Trainers or plimsolls
- (A plain dark tracksuit may be worn in the colder months)

Please make sure the children bring their coats to school, even on a sunny day.

### Breaktime:

As a school we are continuing to focus on healthy lifestyles so your child may bring a piece of fruit or a healthy snack at break time. At break time, we will be running a healthy tuck shop where children can buy toast for 10p and a drink of milk for 10p.

### **Reading**

All children will continue to bring back a library book of choice and a reading or AR book to read at home. The AR book also needs to come to school everyday as there will be times when the children have a reading session. In Year Four we reward children for frequent reading at home as we feel this is very important for their progress. We will shortly be issuing a new home/school contact book where you will be able to record your child's reading. These diaries will be looked at once a week on a Thursday so should you have a message you need us to be aware of during the week you will need to either send a message via email (email addresses listed below) or send your child in with a note for your teachers attention.

### **Homework:**

This will be handed out on a Thursday and collected in the following Tuesday. In Year 4 children are given spellings and multiplication tables to learn every week. They will also be given an English homework book and will be asked to complete activities, linked to their learning in class. Maths homework this year will be set through the website [www.mymaths.com](http://www.mymaths.com). The main Maths and English homework activity will be set on alternate weeks starting with the online Maths activity on the first week.

Whilst multiplication facts (times tables) will be practiced during the school week we also encourage the children to continue to practice their facts through the use of the times tables Rockstars website at home ([www.ttrockstars.co.uk](http://www.ttrockstars.co.uk)). The children's login details have been written in their home school diaries.

### **Medication:**

We can only administer medication to your child with parental consent. All medication for children should be prescribed by a doctor (including sore throat sweets) and left in the office where the appropriate forms should be filled in.

### **Communication:**

As you can appreciate, we have had to make adjustments as to how we pass on communications with you as individual parents about your child. We realise that there are things that you may wish to discuss with your child's class teacher and we ask that you either e-mail us or that you contact us by telephone. Please can you make sure that your current details are up to date with the office so that we are able to contact you.

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We are looking forward to a busy term and thank you for your continued support with all the changes we are having to make.

Mrs Amey, Mrs Buff and Team Year Four