



September 2018

Welcome to Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a great summer break and we are looking forward to hearing all about the children's time off over the next few days!

As your child begins Year 4, our expectations of them will remain high, both in terms of academic achievement and effort and also in terms of attitude and behaviour. Attendance is crucial to your child's development and progress and we know that a good working partnership between home and school will ensure your child achieves to the best of their ability.

Here is some helpful information about the expectations and routines of Year 4:

HOMEWORK

All homework will be handed out on a **MONDAY** and will be due in on a **MONDAY**. The homework you should expect is as follows:

- Reading and times tables practise **at LEAST 4** x a week for a minimum of 15 minutes.
- Spellings sheet with words or rules to practise.
- An online piece of work (accessed on active learn). This will be alternating maths and Bug Club each week.

Please write and SIGN their reading in the Home School Books. Children will receive a merit per minute they spend reading and practising times tables. Any child not completing homework at home will do so during their lunch time. It is your child's responsibility to collect homework if they are absent when it is handed out, or if they have misplaced it. Please support your child with their homework, but do not let them spend more than half an hour on each piece. If you have any problems with homework, please come in and talk to the class teacher. Usernames and passwords needed to access the online homework will be sent home next week.

UNIFORM

No jewellery is permitted, including ear-rings. Nail varnish, make-up, hair gel etc is NOT allowed – any child wearing this will be asked to wash or take it off. Extreme haircuts (including current 'trendy' cuts that involve longer hair on top, shaved at the side with the harsh line cut in) and hair products are, as always, unwelcome and long hair must be tied back. Can we also remind you that your child should bring in a water bottle EVERY day and take it home at the end of the day.

PE KIT

In Year 4, PE will happen on a **MONDAY and TUESDAY**. If your child forgets to bring their PE kit, we do have a small amount of spare kit that they could wear for the session. If your child consistently comes to school without their kit, the class teacher may contact you. Your child will only miss their PE lesson if we receive a signed letter from you to say that there is a medical reason why they cannot do PE that day.

Please ensure that your child has the correct, NAMED, PE Kit: PE T-shirt, dark blue shorts and a grey, school tracksuit. For outdoor PE, trainers are essential (please ensure they are not fashion, Vans-style or high-top trainers). Children do indoor PE in bare feet.

CHARTER MARKS

Your child will receive charter marks weekly for good attendance and punctuality, completing their homework, for excellent behaviour and smart uniform. Please note, if your child does not bring their diary in on a **MONDAY**, then their charter marks may not be completed that week.

We are very much looking forward to working with your children and watching them have a successful year. Please feel free to come in and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

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Head of Year 4

Mrs Arnold
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Mr Barraclough
Year 4 Class teacher

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Y4 Professional Teaching Partner (PTP)