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17th September 2020

Year 4 Newsletter

We have been so impressed with how the Year 4 children have settled into a new year group with their new teachers, especially after an extended period at home. We are so glad to be back with the children and have loved hearing about all of the wonderful experiences they have had at home with their families over the last few months. Unfortunately, we are not able to hold the 'Meet the Teacher' parent meetings we would usually arrange in the first week of the new school year, so you will find the key information for your child's year group detailed below.

Year 4 Staff

Teachers	TAs
Mrs Cook 4HC and Head of Year	Mrs Tudsbury
Miss Ford 4LF	Miss Kirrane
Mr Cooke 4FC	Miss Evans

Timetable

Year 4						
Day	8.30 -9.00 am	9.00am – 10.00am		10.00am- 10.45am	11.00am - 12.00pm	1.00pm- 3.00pm
Mon	4 Rules	Assembly	RE – Faith In Action	Maths 10am to 11am	Big Read	PPA – Music/ PE/ Art/ ICT/ PSHE
Tue	Handwriting/ Fix It	Maths		RE	Literacy	Topic
Wed	4 Rules Fix It	Maths		PE	Literacy	Topic Story
Thu	Comp. / Fix It	Maths		RE & Worship	Literacy	Topic (MFL/Gardening on half termly basis in groups of 10) Story
Fri	4 Rules Fix It	Literacy		Topic	Big Maths	Topic 2.30 Assembly

Topics

This year we have several new, exciting topics in Year 4. This half-term, our topic is Lightning Speed, which is based around the history and development of the internet and World Wide Web with a focus on computing. We will be investigating how computers communicate, the importance of networks, how email works and how the internet enables collaboration. We will also be learning about the Vikings, Africa, forces, leadership and democracy, and rainforests, across the year.



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First Holy Communion

If your child was due to make their First Holy Communion earlier this year, then you should have received a letter last week regarding the new date. This will now take place on **Saturday 17th October**. As per the letter, only one parent per child will be able to attend on this day. We understand that this will come as a disappointment to parents, but due to the current circumstances, this is beyond our control. If your child will be attending on this date, please ensure that you complete the ParentApp form that was sent out last week by Friday 18th September.

Homework

Unfortunately, we are not able to send out homework at this point due to the current COVID situation. Our main target at this moment is to maintain the smooth running of the school day and we will look at the feasibility of homework, after school clubs etc, once routines are established.

Home Reading

We have organised a new system for home reading books to ensure children are not taking books home that have just been used by another child. All books that children return to school will be placed in a basket which will then be stored away for 48 hours. Please ensure children are reading each night and you have signed their reading records. These should be in school every day and can be used as a means of communication between home and school. In Year 4, we encourage children to be reading at home every day and advise to read for **20 minutes**. Reading for pleasure will help develop your child's vocabulary, communication, concentration empathy and imagination.

Swimming

Just a reminder that Year 4 swimming lessons will not take place this term. This has been a Trust wide decision due to the uncertainty of how cases could affect the number of children/staff in school.

Uniform

Please make sure your child is in their full school uniform each day. If you have not yet collected your child's free jumper and tie, please see the main school office.

A reminder that our school uniform consists of:

- Maroon jumper with school logo
- White shirt
- Maroon striped tie
- Grey skirt or pinafore/trousers
- Black school shoes



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PE/PE Kits

In Year 4, PE will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. Although we are asking that PE kits are left in school until the October half term for ease of routine, if you do wish to take your child's PE kit home at the end of the week to wash, we simply ask that you ensure it is returned to school for their next PE lesson. Children won't be able to take part in PE unless their kit has been returned to school.

A reminder that our school PE kit consists of:

- Plain sky blue polo shirt,
- Plain maroon shorts
- Plain maroon or black tracksuit bottoms
- Plain maroon sports jumper
- White sports socks
- Trainers.

General Reminders

- Please make sure your child is only bringing the following items into school – book bag (including reading record and reading book), PE kit, lunchbox and water bottle (children are able to have water in the classrooms, NO juice please)
- The gates are now open from 8.30am until 9.00am at the start of the day, and 2.45pm until just after 3.00pm at the end of the day, to minimise crowding
- Please ensure there is only one adult collecting your child from the playground
- Break time snacks - children are allowed to bring fruit (or vegetables) for a snack during break times, if they wish
- If your child requires an inhaler, please ensure that they have one in school that is in date and clearly labelled. A care plan must be completed if your child has an inhaler in school

Meeting with teachers

If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, you will need to wait until all of the other children have been collected at the end of the day. If you do not collect your child from school, please phone the main school office and ask for a phone call or meeting to be arranged. All queries or concerns need to go through the class teacher in the first instance.

Thank You

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you for following all of the new routines and guidance as we try to navigate our way through the current situation together. We still have lots of exciting things planned for the year in Year 4; however, we do have to be mindful that things may be different and will take some getting used to. Please ensure the office have your most recent contact details and you have access to the Connect Parent App so you are able to stay updated with any changes or upcoming events.



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Kind regards,

The Year 4 Team