



Friday 8 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Year 5! We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer holidays. It has been great to see the children return to school happy and rested; they have settled beautifully and we are looking forward to our year with them. In this letter we would like to share some key information about Year 5.

We would like to welcome Mrs Erkul who will be teaching the class every Thursday up until Christmas.

We have some exciting topics planned for this term. We will be learning about Earth and Space in science; we will be creating the phases of the moon using Oreos! In history, we will be exploring Ancient Egypt. We will be looking at why some people think God exists in R.E. and Online Safety in computing. In English, we will be getting creative with 'The Magic Box' poetry before moving on to Harry Potter! In maths, we are extending and developing our knowledge and understanding of numbers to 1,000,000, and addition and subtraction strategies.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are Monday and Friday. The children still need to wear their full school P.E. kit (blue/black shorts, plain team colour T-shirt and trainers). If the weather turns cooler, the children can wear a plain navy blue / black tracksuit. Earrings cannot be worn for PE so please ensure that they are removed before school or if your child is able to, they can be removed at the start of the lesson.

Water bottles

All children need to bring their own water bottle into school every day. The lid should be a sports style lid (one that can be pulled up to open and pushed down to close), not a screw top lid please. They are able to refill them during the day should they need to.

Uniform

Please be reminded that hair, which is long enough to be tied back, should be tied back. Hair accessories should be plain black, navy or white. Earrings should be plain gold or silver studs. No other jewellery is to be worn. Children can wear a watch.

Children should be wearing the full school uniform and school shoes. Please only send them in trainers for P.E.

Walking home

If, as the year progresses, you would like your child to be allowed to walk home from school without an adult, please speak to the office about giving permission for this. This includes walking to one of the gates to meet you, walking home alone or walking to meet you at a sibling's class.

A gentle reminder that children are not supervised by staff on the school site until 8:40am and they shouldn't be here too early and unsupervised before school.

Some parents like their child to have a mobile phone if they are walking to and/or from school. This is absolutely fine, but phones must be turned off as soon as they are on school grounds and should remain turned off until they leave the gates at the end of the day. The children will put their phones into a box in their respective classroom when they come in and they will collect them at the end of the school day. If your child is not walking alone, mobile phones should not be in school.

Homework

Every Friday we will send home a list of spellings based around a spelling pattern or rule that we will be focusing on for that week. The children will be given their spellings in a book and should learn their spellings in ways that work well for them. There will be a selection of different activity ideas inside the front cover of the book. We encourage the children to experiment and find ways which work for them. Please support your child with learning their weekly spellings. The spelling books should be returned to school by Thursday. The children will be tested on their spellings each Friday.

The children are also expected to continue to use TTRS for their times tables practise regularly throughout the week.

All children should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day at home. Please sign their reading record to show that they have read. Reading Record books will be monitored daily so please ensure that they are in school every day alongside the reading book.

Thank you for your support in these matters. We look forward to getting to know you and the children as the year goes on.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Erkul, Mrs Atkins and Mrs Barrows