

Hello and welcome back to the new school year. We have put together some information which we hope will be of help throughout the coming weeks.

UNIFORM AND CLOTHING

Please ensure that **ALL** clothing and shoes are clearly named.

Coats should have a loop so they can be hung on pegs & P.E. clothing should be stored in a drawstring bag, also for storage on the same peg. There is not a lot of space in the cloakrooms, so the smaller the bag the better!

Please ensure your child has the correct P.E. kit in school every day: T-shirt, shorts & joggers and plain trainers – not their normal outdoor shoes. Extra socks are advisable for those who wear tights. Plain black school shoes must be worn to and from school every day (except in extreme weather). Children must have dark black plimsolls to change into for indoor use. Hair should be tied back for PE & jewellery should not be worn; only a watch or plain stud earrings are acceptable as everyday wear. Watches should be removed for PE and earrings removed or taped. Please provide your child with medical tape if needed for this purpose. No hair gel, makeup or nail varnish is permitted. If your child has a foot condition such as verruca, please advise us & provide them with the appropriate non-slip verruca sock or protection as dance and gymnastics lessons take place without shoes.

All stationery, pens, pencils etc are provided by the school. The only exception to this is that the children may bring in a fountain pen to use, which should have black ink cartridges, not a biro or roller ball. Year 6 children only may bring a named, small pencil case if they wish. This is at their own risk.

P.E. DAYS

Year 5 Mrs Bond – Monday & Wednesday

Year 5/6 Mrs Bennett – Tuesday & Friday

Year 6 Miss Dienel – Monday & Friday

ACCESS TO THE CLASS TEACHER

- Please try not to use the morning to discuss your child's progress as the teachers need to be with the children at this time. Please where possible write a message in your child's orange Homework Diary. If, however, you feel that there is something urgent please speak with the office staff as they may be able to help.
- If you have any concerns about your child's progress, then teachers are usually available after school or you can book an appointment through the school office.
- Please keep the school informed of any changes of address, emergency contact numbers or home circumstances.

HOMEWORK

Government guidelines recommend 30 minutes homework per day for children in years 5 and 6. This should include a regular weekly schedule as outlined below:

- Reading – your child will be given a book, or they may bring one in from home, to help practise their reading skills at school and at home. Please ensure that you help your child by listening to them read regularly, record this in their Diary and sign it weekly. Even

though the children do read well, this is needed to further develop their vocabulary & comprehension.

- Spellings – the children will be given weekly spellings to learn and be tested on. Please help them to learn using 'Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check' method.
- Times tables – will be tested regularly. In Upper Key Stage 2, children should know by heart up to 12x12, including associated division facts. Please help with this at home-it is the basis for so much other mathematics!
- Year 6 children will also be issued with a SAM Learning login for personal study & are encouraged to take an increasingly proactive attitude to their work.

Please ensure you check the homework diary each day and sign it weekly.

For your information and to enable you to monitor your child's homework:

- Homework is set on Thursdays for English & Maths– due following Tuesday.
- One other topic/Science related piece set on day of the lesson – due back a week later for the next lesson.
- Homework will be written into the homework diary if different from the above.
- Homework is also posted on Edmodo where appropriate. Your child has a log in for this.
- If there are any issues with homework, please ask your child to speak to us in the first instance or write a brief note. A homework club is available on Fridays run by Mr Skinner for those needing support or who would like to be proactive in completing it.

Your help in organising your child with this is much appreciated.

DRINKS AND LUNCHES

- Children should bring to school a full bottle of plain, non-flavoured water each day. Bottles may be purchased from the school office and are to be kept in classrooms; at break, they have access to water fountains.
- Children may bring a **healthy** snack to eat at mid-morning break, but no **nut** products, including cereal bars are allowed, as we have several children in school who are allergic to nuts.
- School dinners are booked through the office with a half-term's notice either to start or stop. It is **essential to notify the school office** of any changes.
- Please label lunch boxes clearly with your child's full name to avoid confusion and could we remind you that sweets, chocolate bars and nut products are not allowed. These should be stored on the phase trolley in the lobby area, not in class.
- There is limited storage space; please make sure lunch boxes are a reasonable size.
- All dinner money must be handed to the class teacher in a named envelope, unless you use Wisepay.



Years 5 & 6
Phase Information

Miss Diemel
Mrs Bennett
Mrs Bond
Mr Goodman
Mrs Carter
Miss Morris
Mrs Standen
Mrs Witty