

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 at all times, this is particularly important 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 a verruca, please advise us and provide them with the appropriate non-slip verruca sock or protection as dance and gymnastics lessons take place without shoes. Smart watches and Fitbits are not permitted at school. All stationery, pens, pencils etc are provided by the school.

P.E. DAYS

Year 3 Mrs Leishman – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3/4 Mrs Gajewski - Wednesday & Thursday

Year 4 Woodier – Wednesday & Thursday

This half term we are fortunate to have a PE specialist teaching Year 3 and Year 4 on Mondays.

SWIMMING

Each class has a set of swimming lessons which take place at Hartham Pool; the School Office will advise you of these times in due course. Please

ensure your child has swimwear and a towel for these session; those with long hair must wear a swimming cap.

ACCESS TO THE CLASS TEACHER

- 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 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 planner. (Please remind your child to let us know, as we only take in Planners once a week). If, however, you feel that there is something urgent please speak with the office staff, as they may be able to help.
- Please keep the school informed of any changes of address, emergency contact numbers or home circumstances.

DRINKS AND LUNCHES

- Children should bring a full bottle of plain, non-flavoured water to school 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 not allowed, as we have several children in school who are allergic to nuts. We ask that this snack be fruit or vegetables.
- School dinners are booked through the office on our on line system. 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.

HOMEWORK

Please see the attached guidance regarding homework expectations.

- Children will make a note of their homework in their planners each week and homework may also be posted on Edmodo where appropriate. Your child has a log in for this.
- Weekly homework will be set on **Thursdays** and will be expected to be returned the following **Tuesday**.
- Reading – your child will be given a book to help practise their reading skills at school and at home. Please ensure that you help your child by listening to them read regularly. Please record this in their planner and sign it weekly. Even though the children do read well, this is needed to further develop their vocabulary & comprehension skills, so please ask children questions about what they have read.
- Spellings – the children will be given weekly spellings to learn and be tested on every week on **Wednesdays**. Please help them to learn using 'Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check' method.
- Times tables – will be tested regularly. By the end of Year 4, children should know multiplication facts up to 12x12 and begin to quickly recall associated division facts. Your child will have login details for TTRockstars – a secure online multiplication tables game – please encourage them to play this regularly to support their learning. In June, Year 4s will undergo a statutory multiplication tables check, as directed by the government, to test their times table fluency.
- At the end of each half term we will provide some optional pre-learning activities, which are designed to investigate topics coming up.
- 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 Friday lunchtimes run by Mrs Leishman for those needing support or who would like to be proactive in completing it.

Please ensure you check the Planner each day and sign it weekly. Your help in organising your child with this is much appreciated.



Years 3 & 4 Phase Information

Mrs Cole
Mrs Leishman
Mrs Gajewski
Mrs Woodier
Mrs Poulton
Mrs Apostolos
Miss Morris
Mrs Standen