

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 (including wristbands and bracelets) should not be worn; only a watch (not a Fitbit or fitness tracker/smart 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 and 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; children are not permitted to have their own pencil cases.

P.E. DAYS

Year 5 Mrs Simmons – Wednesday & Friday

Year 5/6 Mr Wilkie – Monday & Wednesday

Year 6 Miss Dienel – Tuesday & Wednesday

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school daily as we often have additional sessions or extra activities which require PE kit (both indoor & out) outside these days.

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 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

- 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. Please use the suggested question stems at the rear of the Diary as a

- Spellings – the children will be given weekly spellings to learn and be tested on. If a child gets the word wrong, they will keep it for the following week. Please help them to learn using 'Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check' method. www.spellingframe.co.uk is also an excellent site to support rehearsal of key patterns and the government statutory spellings for Years 5&6; we also recommend regular rehearsal of the Year 3&4 word lists also.
- 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! Times Tables Rock Stars can be used at home; please see the class teacher if your child is unable to access this.
- www.mathsframe.co.uk (username = wheatcroft password = stanstead) is an excellent source of support.
- Weekly arithmetic tests completed in class will also be sent home for you to support your child's progress.
- Year 6 children will also be issued with English and Mathematics study guides (to be returned at the end of the year) and question books (to write in) for their homework. This will be set on a Thursday and required back on the following Tuesday.
- Year 5 children will receive a topic piece of homework half-termly, which will be optional.
- In addition to the above, both year groups may receive a small piece of topic work to support the curriculum, e.g. pre-reading or some research.
- Homework reminders are posted on Edmodo pages – accessible via your child's class page on the school website and your child is encouraged to record it appropriately in their Diary.
- 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 Miss Dienel for those needing support or who would like to be proactive in completing it.

Please ensure you check and sign the Homework Diary weekly; 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, there is access to water via the fountains outside and inside the Dining Hall.
- 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.



Years 5 & 6
Phase Information

Miss Dienel
Mr Wilkie
Mrs Simmons
Mrs Carter