

Wednesday 11th May 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to provide you with information about the expectations I have for your child in Year 4 and the curriculum that they will be following throughout term 3.

Topics for the Summer Term

R.E - Come and See	New Life Building Bridges God's people
Science	What am I? In a state Switched on
P.E	Gymnastics – Balance Invasion games - Rugby Athletics Sports Day
Topic (History, Geography, Design Technology, I.C.T and Art)	History – Ancient Egyptians Geography – El Salvador Art study day Design and Technology study day

Religious Education Programme

The Religious Education programme is called 'Come and See'. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World). The children will also spend one week studying Islam.

Music

Year 4, will continue to learn how to play the violin. Your child will be encouraged to take their violin home to practise. The violin lessons, this term, will be 9.15am on a Monday morning, so please ensure your child brings their violin into school on this day. The children will be having a violin concert for parents / carers on Monday 11th July at 9:30am.

Homework / Spellings

Children will receive their homework on a Friday. Please can it be completed and sent into school on Monday. The children will receive a Numeracy, Literacy and spelling activity. They may also receive an activity linked to the current topic being taught in class. Children will receive spellings to learn on a Friday, which will be words they need to recap on and this will help them to develop their writing further. Spellings will then be tested in class on Monday.



Reading Books and Diaries

Your child has received a reading book and reading diary in order to keep a record of their progress at home. All books and reading diaries should be in school each day and I will collect them in on a Monday to monitor how much children are reading at home. Once your child has finished a book they will be given the opportunity to change their books.

Punctuality/Absence

The children should line up at 8.55am on the playground unless it is raining heavily, in which case, classroom doors will be opened a little earlier. It is your responsibility to supervise them up until this point. Any child arriving after the class have entered the classroom at 8.55am needs to go to the main door to be signed in by Mrs Glanvill or Mrs Campbell. If for any reason your child is absent from school, please contact us to let us know. If we do not hear from you, then Mrs Featherstone, our Learning Mentor, will ring to find out why your child is absent.

If you need to collect your child at any time in the day for an appointment, could you please report to the office and your child will be collected from their classroom.

Behaviour

Golden Rules

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| Do be Gentle | Don't hurt anyone |
| Do be kind and helpful | Don't hurt people's feelings |
| Do listen | Don't interrupt |
| Do work hard | Don't waste your or other people's time |
| Do look after property | Don't waste or damage it |

Code of Conduct

- Correct school dress must be worn unless there is a particular explained reason. This includes P.E kit.
- Children should not run inside school. They should move around the building in safe and sensible manner.
- At break time, children may eat a piece of fruit or a healthy snack. Sweets and chewing gum are not allowed in school.
- After leaving the building at lunchtime, children should not re-enter the school building without permission.
- Children will show respect to all adults in the school.
- No abusive language is tolerated.
- Jewellery, apart from a wrist watch, is not permitted.
- Nail varnish should not be worn.
- No mobile phones will be allowed in school without permission.





Praising and rewarding

As well as Golden Time, throughout the school day children are encouraged and praised. Praising of good behaviour helps to reinforce the message to all children. Good behaviour, good work, good manners, and caring for others are rewarded. The following reward systems are used: certificates, Headteacher Awards, afternoon tea with Mrs Hannah and a termly achievement assembly in which, amongst other things, attendance and punctuality are also celebrated.

Golden Time

Golden time takes place every Friday. Children can bring in a small toy or game from home, although the school cannot take any responsibility for any loss or damage to any Golden Time activity brought into school. Mobile phones may not be used as a Golden Time toy. If a child breaks a Golden Rule, they are given a warning, verbal or visual. If they do it again, they lose a minute or maybe two, of their Golden Time. The children who have lost golden time during the week will sit and look at either a sand timer or the clock until the time they have lost is past and they can begin their golden time.

Red and Yellow Cards

Staff may issue a red or yellow card as another way of reinforcing school rules. Red and Yellow cards can be used throughout the day and at dinner time when children fail to comply with the behaviour code. Yellow cards will be issued after a verbal warning for minor incidents. Red cards will be applied for more serious incidents such as physical harm, insolence etc. A yellow card will result in a ten minute suspension from playtime, and a red card will result in the child missing the remaining playtime that day and the next. If a child is issued with a red card, a letter will be sent home on the same day informing parents. Two yellow cards in a week will result in a red card. A record of all yellow and red cards will be kept.

PE

The children will continue to have 2 hours of P.E every week. This amount of regular exercise is vitally important; therefore please ensure that they have full PE kit in school at all times. If your child doesn't have PE kit, they will be offered a school kit from a bank of spares that parents have donated. Your child will have PE on a Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

Uniform

Please make sure that your child has the correct school uniform and that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name to prevent items getting lost. Also, please ensure that long hair is tied back at all times.





Water Bottles and Snacks

Please encourage your child to bring in a water bottle. They will have opportunities throughout the day to refill their bottle if necessary. Please ensure your child brings their bottle home for washing and brings it back to school refilled in the morning. The children can also bring in a snack to be eaten during break time. Please encourage the children to bring a healthy snack. We do not allow chocolate or sweets for snack.

Dinner Money

Dinner money has not increased this year and therefore remains at £1.70 per day ie. £8.50 per week.

Art T-shirts

Children need to have an old t-shirt or shirt to protect their uniform during art activities. This can be kept in school for the year.

Trips

As you are aware, the children have their trip to the Catalyst Museum on Thursday 12th – Friday 13th May. Alongside Miss Hindley and I, Mrs Hannah and Mrs Featherstone will be sleeping at the Catalyst Museum and accompanying the children on their trip. We know that they will have a fantastic time! I have also booked another trip for the children and they will be visiting the Liverpool World Museum to look at the Ancient Egyptians exhibit and then moving onto the Catholic Cathedral for the afternoon to learn more about the Year of Mercy. The trip is on Friday 1st July and I will send home a letter regarding the trip after the half term.

Holy Communion and Confirmation

We hope that the children are all really looking forward to their special day. We will be attending mass again this morning and possibly the following week too. On Saturday 21st May, please can the children be in school at 8:30am to begin having their photographs taken by the photographer. Due to time on the morning, we will only be having photographs for the children and not family photographs. The mass will begin at 10am and the children will return to school for their Communion Breakfast after mass. Parents / carers are welcome back in school too. Please can we ask any other family members to have tea / coffee at the Holy Family Club. The children should be then finished in school by about 12:30pm. We hope the weather will be nice on the day!





Questions and appointments

If you do have any questions about your child then please do not hesitate to contact me in school. I am generally in school for 8:15am every day and until about 4:30pm so I am available to discuss any issues or problems that may arise. It is, however, very hard to discuss issues at 8:55am when I am collecting the children from the playground or at 3:15pm when I am dismissing the children.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to another successful and happy term in year 4.

Many thanks,

Mrs Quigley, Miss Hindley and Mrs Gray ☺

