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Year 3+4 Newsletter - Autumn Term 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that your children have enjoyed their first few days back at school.

This letter is to let you know the key information and dates for years 3 + 4 this term.

P.E. days are as follows:

Mrs Pitt/Mrs Thompson – Tuesday & Friday
Mrs Turner/Mr Henson – Monday & Wednesday
Mrs Hambley/Mrs Grant – Tuesday & Friday
Ms Goodman – Wednesday & Thursday

The dates for class sharing assemblies are as follows:

Mrs Pitt/Mrs Thompson – Friday 1st November
Mrs Turner/Mr Henson – Friday 8th November
Mrs Hambley/Mrs Grant – Friday 29th November
Ms Goodman – Friday 4th October

Parent consultation evenings will take place in the week beginning the 14th October. Sign-up sheets will be placed in cloakrooms the week before.

There are various things that children will need to bring to school this year. They will need to bring reading books and water bottles daily. A pencil case with the basics (pencil, ruler and glue) is also useful though not a necessity. For ease, we recommend that P.E. kits remain in school. Please remember to label all clothing clearly with your child's name. On PE days, please send your child to school with their earrings removed and hair tied up. Hair will also need to be tied up should your child wish to use the equipment on the green area of the playground.

Teachers will set specific homework linked to the learning in their class. Reading continues to be a priority in year 3 and 4. Unlike year 2, in KS2 your child will choose and change their own books. They will have access to the school library and class reading corners but are encouraged to bring in their own books from home too. We have daily reading time in class but ask that you please continue to read with your child at home and monitor their green home-school diaries.



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In the Summer Term, Year Four children will sit the new Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It is a short test, to be completed online. More information will be sent out prior to the check, but in the meantime, we would appreciate your help in supporting your child's learning of their times tables. The tables are divided over the course of years 2,3 and 4. Please see below for the tables your child should be familiar with and will be learning this year:

Year 2	2, 5 & 10
Year 3	3, 4, & 8
Year 4	6, 7, 9, 11 & 12

One final message is a reminder that we are a 'nut free' school. We have several children in school with severe nut allergies, so we ask that you don't include products containing nuts in your child's packed lunch. Please read the ingredients as nuts are often found in items such as cereal bars. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding this.

We hope that all of your questions have been answered. However if you need to ask about anything at all, please don't hesitate to catch us at the end of the school day. You can also send in a note with your child or contact us via e-mail. For lengthier discussions, appointments with class teachers can be made through the school office.

We look forward to getting to know you and working with your children throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 3 + 4 team