



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to say that I am very impressed by how well all year five pupils have settled thus far into Meadowdale Academy. This is a big step in your child's learning journey and one they are all fully embracing. I feel that this success has come from the partnership that we began during our transition work and I look forward to building upon this foundation in the coming terms.

The purpose of this letter is to remind and inform you of some of our school routines and our expectations in this first term.

**Homework and planners**



Pupils will record the details of their homework tasks in their planner. We welcome your support in checking the planner to ensure homework is completed promptly. To provide support with homework tasks at school, we hold a homework club on Wednesday lunchtimes in the year five block. This is when pupils can ask for extra help from staff or request resources to help them complete their work. Most pupils now have their planner signed by a parent or carer, but there are some who have forgotten - please can we ask that you sign your child's planner **at the end of every week**. Your child's form teacher will check planners and sign them every Monday for the previous week.

There are also some of the Home/School agreements (page 8) and the Computing User Agreements on (page 9) not signed. Until this page is signed, pupils are unable to access the internet in school. Please feel free to look through the planner with your child, as it is an invaluable tool for pupils, parents and teachers. You can use the bottom of the pages to write a message to a teacher if you have any questions or comments to make. Likewise, teachers may write a message to you and a signature or reply lets us know that you have read our message. It is usually a good idea to advise your child if you are going to write a note to school as past experience has shown me they don't always notice when they are there!

English given out Monday       handed in Thursday  
 Maths given out Wednesday       handed in Monday



**Tuesday 12th October**

**'Flight' to Egypt**

All Y5 children come to school wearing 'holiday clothes' and bring a magazine or book to read

**Thursday 20th December**

**End of Term Visit**

Y5 to visit the Centre for Life to take part in science workshops and ice skating. *Details to follow next half term.*

**3-5th April**

**Robinwood Residential**

Children will be notified about their places after the deadline for reply slips on 19th October.



Egypt here we come!

This term is our Ancient Egypt topic in humanities. Our Year 5 historians will be cracking Ancient Egyptian codes, investigating the mummification process, finding out what life was like along the banks of the Nile and much, much more! We will begin our Egypt experience with our 'flight to Egypt'. Children can wear their 'holiday clothes' that day and can bring a magazine or a book to read on the 'flight'. This will take place on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October**.

Staying Safe and Healthy

(a few gentle reminders ☺)

**Bikes and scooters** – children are welcome to ride to school and leave their bikes and scooters in the racks provided. Please ensure your child is safe on their journey to and from school and wearing suitable protective gear.

**Water bottles** – children can stay hydrated by bringing a clear water bottle to school each day, filled with fresh water.

**Snacks** - it is a great idea for children to bring along a snack for morning break, but please remember these should be healthy snacks, not sweets, crisps or chocolate. We also have a range of snacks available at our tuck shop each day.

**Coats** – I have noticed a large number of children who are not wearing coats to school. Now that the weather is becoming colder and more unsettled, please make sure that your child has a suitable coat, with their name in, which will keep them both warm and dry, should they need it.

I am also sending out a little request: With the adverse weather becoming more common, we may well be spending more play times indoors. We would like to make sure we offer the opportunity for children to relax and enjoy their lunch times and are trying to build our stocks of board games, Lego (or similar) and children's films, in order to keep our different play zones stocked and entertaining. We are asking that, if you have any old items you think we could make use of, please send them in to form teachers. All donations will be very gratefully received. Any child donating old games or otherwise, will be rewarded with a Top Citizen sticker for their generosity. Children are also encouraged to bring in a colouring book or puzzle books to keep in their trays for such occasions.

Here in the Year Five team, we are delighted to be guiding and supporting your child in their learning journey through Year Five and we look forward to working with you throughout the year.

If you have any further queries please feel free to contact us via the school office, we're here to help!

Yours Sincerely,

*E. Bennett*

Mrs E. Bennett  
Head of Year Five

