

A Warm Welcome

Welcome back to all of Falcons Class. I hope you all had a lovely summer break. I am very excited to be teaching your child. We would also like to say a big welcome to Miss Grubb, who is new to our school and will be supporting in Falcons Class during the mornings. We also say welcome to William Foster, who is a new pupil in Falcons Class this year.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to speak to either myself (Miss Todd) or Miss Grubb.



PE Sessions

Falcons' PE sessions will be every Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning.

Children will need to bring 2 kits to school.

Indoor kit: White t-shirt, black shorts, sport socks (optional) and black pumps.

Outdoor kit: Long sleeved zip up top, tracksuit/ jogging trousers and trainers (these may get muddy). We would prefer Navy blue or black colours.

Children will need to have a PE kit in school for all sessions.

The children will begin swimming lessons after October half term (30/10/17 – 15/11/17) Swimming will be timetabled to Tuesday afternoons and the total will be £22 per child.

Homework

Reading – Your child needs to read a minimum of 3 times a week. This could be reading independently or sharing a book that is read to them and discussed together. It could be any other reading material that you have accessible at home. This can be; Comics, newspapers, online books are all great ways to encourage your child to read and listen to reading. Please make sure you record any reading in their reading diaries to earn a dojo points for every 3 home reads!

If anyone has any old children's magazines at home, please could they be brought in for the children to have in their reading corner.

Common Exception Words (Tricky Words) – Children will be tested on the Year 3 and 4 common exception words to read and spell. We will send home a highlighted sheet to show which ones the children need to practice. We will update these lists every half term.

Spelling Log Books – The Children will each receive a Log Book from next week (11/09/17) where they will record words that they need to practice. Please check the book with your child and spend some time on their spellings.

Learning Logs – We are continuing to use 'Show What You Know' as part of our homework. Homework will begin from next Friday 15/09/17. The children will be asked to use a double page spread to show what they know about a task that has been set. Children can do anything that shows off their learning, such as making, drawing, providing information or a model. It is up to the children how they would like to display their work.

The homework will be set every Friday, learning logs need to be returned to school by Wednesday of the following week to allow time for myself and the children to comment on others homework and new work set for the next week.

Speedy Maths – Children will be learning and practising mental maths activities. Within speedy maths lessons, the children will be practising the 3, 4 and 8 times tables as well as the divisions.

Water Bottles

Please send your child to school every day with a clearly labelled water bottle. It is essential that children drink regularly all through the day and therefore if they forget their bottle please be prepared to get a water bottle to us for your child ASAP that morning. Due to health and hygiene any unlabelled bottles that are unclaimed will have to be disposed of.



Music

Music will begin from next week (11/09/17) on a Tuesday afternoon. The children will be learning to play the clarinet.

Discovery Topic

During the Autumn Term we will be learning all about the Romans in our Discovery Lessons. The children will have the opportunity to look at Roman artefacts, create Roman Mosaics and explore a Roman Villa. Please keep an eye out for the details of our Roman trip in the upcoming weeks.

Forest School and Outdoor Learning

Throughout the year will be using various parts of the outside areas to enhance our learning, therefore it is important the children have wellies to wear so their school shoes keep clean. Please bring a labelled pair of wellies in a labelled plastic bag.



Labelling Clothes

All uniform and belongings need to be clearly labelled. This includes PE bags, PE kits, water bottles, tights, shoes etc. Please try to use full names rather than initials. It is essential that you regularly check that names haven't rubbed or washed out too.

Diary Dates

22nd September – MacMillian Coffee Morning. Come along and enjoy a hot drink and a piece of cake.

29th September – Friends BINGO night and Fish and Chip supper.

2nd October – Maths Parents Evening 6pm

3rd October – Harvest Festival 2pm (St Marys TBC)

17th October – Parents Open Class

20th October – Friends Halloween Disco

23rd October – Half Term

30th October – TED Day (No children in school)

31st October – Start of Half Term

1st November – Parent's Evening

2nd November – Parent's Evening

9th November - Eagles' Remembrance Service

10th November – Friend Fashion Show

15th November – Class Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

17th November – Children in Need, wear spots for £1

24th November – Bauble Competition

7th December – Falcons' Class Christingle (St Marys – TBC)

18th December – Trip to the Pantomime 1:30pm

19th December – End of Term