



# A warm welcome to year 5!

Mr Baer and Mr Taylor are looking forward to teaching you this year and we are sure that you will enjoy your time in Year 5!

## **The School Day:**

School starts at 8:55am and ends at 3:15pm. Remember: **Be in the line for 5 to 9!** If the cloakroom door is closed and registration has started you will need to go around to the office. The end of the day can be a very busy time so we therefore ask you to stand well back from the door so that we can maintain the safety of all our children. The children will be standing towards the classroom doors while they wait to see you.

## **Home Reading Books:**

Children are able to change their books as necessary so there is no need for them to wait for a particular day! Remember that repetition is good as it improves fluency and their recognition of high frequency words. It is also very important to discuss the book with your child to ensure that they understand what they have read. Remember that children may wish to read a non-fiction book too, based on their topic or interests, which will present new ideas and information that they will wish to discuss.

We will hear your child read within class through guided reading sessions, as well as occasionally in classroom lesson. **They must bring their books and reading records to school daily!**

Please make sure that you sign and/or comment so that we know if your child has read. It is important for your child that you take time to read with them and discuss what they have read, even if your child is already an independent reader as this will benefit them greatly.

### Letters:

Please remind children that they need to pass onto us any letters that they may have, and similarly, we will remind the children to pass letters onto you that school issues. However, it is the children's responsibility to pass them onto us or to yourselves, so do check their belongings and book bag.

### Toast and Snacks:

Children are able to bring money into school to purchase toast or fruit at break time as part of a snack. Children can also choose to bring in their own snack to school, however we do ask you to remember that we are a healthy school so they cannot bring in chocolate or sweets, however cereal bars, fruit or vegetables are a suitable option.

### Water Bottles:

The children have constant access to a fresh water supply and juice is ***NOT*** allowed in class. Please provide your child with a clearly labelled water bottle or closed drinking vessel. Your child is allowed to drink freely throughout the day as a means of keeping them hydrated. Your child may need two bottles if they have a packed lunch, one for the classroom and one for their lunchtime.

### Uniform:

#### **PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL EVERYTHING!!**

It is so easy when getting changed for PE to get the wrong item of clothing, especially when they are all so similar! Your child is responsible for their own jumpers and/or cardigans and they must remember to take them home at the end of the day or they will be put into lost property – having their name on them will help in this.

### PE:

PE kits need to be in school every day.

#### **PE may be outside – please ensure that they have the appropriate kit.**

Children are encouraged to wear sports trainers with non-marking soles (NOT fashion styles e.g. converse/vans etc or astro-turf boots) rather than pumps in KS2.

If your child does wear earrings please can we ask that they do not do so on our PE days as they cannot wear earrings while doing PE activities for health and safety reasons.

### **Homework:**

Homework is given out on a Thursday and the children are to bring their work back into school for the following Thursday. We understand that many of our children have busy lives out of school and we hope that this will help families to find time to work together on any homework activities.

Please encourage your child to work through their homework and if they experience any difficulties then please encourage them to seek help in school.

**Children must ensure that they return their homework by the date due, or before if they have finished it!**

### **Jewellery, Make-Up and Nail Varnish:**

We encourage the children not to wear jewellery to school. If your child does wear earrings please can you ensure that only studs are worn.

Children must remove earrings before P.E. sessions. This is a health and safety issue and so if they are not removed then unfortunately they will not be able to participate in the lesson.

Make-up and nail varnish are permitted to be worn in school.

**Please remember we are all here to work in partnership towards the children's education, as well as their enjoyment of school. If you have any questions or concerns that you wish to raise then we are happy to discuss them with you.**

**As school starts promptly at 8:55am we will have much more time after school to discuss any issues.**

**Thank-you for your co-operation.**

**Mr Baer, Mr Taylor and the Year 5 team.**