

## Welcome to Year 4!

As Year 4 pupils, the class will be encouraged to become more independent and take on more responsibility within the classroom and for their own organisation. They will be expected to use their homework planners and timetables to know when to complete their homework by and when to bring in their swimming kit. They will be given an opportunity each day to change their reading books, but this will no longer be done for them.

They are by now very familiar with the school rules and are expected to model excellent standards of behaviour as they approach upper Key Stage Two.

Year 4 is also the year that the class has the exciting opportunity to learn to play the ukulele! Mr. Tuff will be teaching the class once a week in their Music lesson. We look forward to inviting you to their first ukulele recital!

## How you can help

### Equipment and kit:

Please ensure that all items are marked clearly with your child's name.

### P.E. Kit:

- School PE shirt
- Black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms for colder weather
- Black plimsolls for indoor games
- Trainers for outdoor games
- Micro-pore tape to cover stud earrings.

P.E. Kit should be kept in school, and only taken home at half term and the end of term.

### Swimming:

Year 4 will have swimming lessons on Monday afternoons for the first term. Please provide your child with a separate bag for their swimming kit.

### Earrings:

All earrings worn to school should be simple studs. Hooped or dangling styles are unsafe in a school environment.

## Supporting your child's learning at home

### Everyday:

Please listen to your child read everyday. It is important that they read aloud to an adult as well as to themselves if they are to persevere with new and challenging vocabulary.

Help your child to prepare for the following day. They will need:

- reading book
- homework planner
- completed homework
- any reply slips

Please check their bags and planners each day for letters and messages.

### Every week:

Please ensure that your child has completed their homework each week. Pupils will be set spellings, a literacy task and a maths task. Homework is designed to consolidate learning from lessons and to revise key skills.

### **Our School Day**

School opens at 8.45 am with registration at 8.55 am. The school day ends at 3.15 pm.

### **Before and After School Clubs**

For parents who need to drop their children off earlier than 8.45 am we operate a breakfast club. For a nominal fee your child can enjoy breakfast from 8.00 am.

We run several after school clubs such as Art and Craft, Multi-Sports, football etc. We also provide an escort to the local after school provision, Owls, at Cunningham Hill Junior School.

### **Educational Visits**

Throughout the year we plan school visits to enhance the school curriculum. All classes take part in at least one visit per year. Visits to local schools for sporting and community events are also organised. Some visits may require a voluntary parental contribution. Where possible these visits are subsidised in order to reduce the burden on parents. However, if insufficient contributions are received we reserve the right to cancel the event.

November: Verulamium Museum -£8

June: Phasels Wood-£50

These are provisional bookings, and therefore costings are for guidance only.

### **Letters forms and monies**

Absence notes, permission slips and money should be placed in the box by the office. Please mark the envelope clearly with your child's name, class and the purpose. All absences must be accompanied by a note, even if we have been notified in person or by telephone. Please send in absence notes on the first day back at school. Absence forms are available from the office if you prefer.

### **Holiday Tasks**

Holidays should be a time for relaxation and fun; however, some pupils can find it difficult to settle back into a routine when they return to school. It is important that key skills such as reading and times tables are practised through the holidays to ensure your child is ready to achieve their very best once back in the classroom.

### **Here to help**

If you have any questions or concerns, however big or small, please do not hesitate to ask at the end of the day. Morning registration is very busy so please use your child's planner for non-urgent queries.

Miss. Willmer



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Information for pupils and  
parents