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Year 4 Autumn Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

It has been wonderful to see busy classes in school after a very long break for many of the children! We have come back to new classrooms and are getting used to all of the changes- notably the different start and finish times, playing with just our own classes in our own bubble zones and cleaning our hands at every opportunity!

We really appreciate your patience as we iron out any glitches - particularly with collecting the children at the end of the day. We will be sending children who have siblings in Year R, 1 or 2 down to be released from the dining hall double doors so you can collect them there and avoid the congestion by the side doors. The rest of the children should be collected from the front area near the main entrance of the school. Both classes will gather in their separate bubbles from 2:50. Please be as prompt as possible to avoid being stuck in Year 3 traffic!

Our topic this half term is called 'Food Factory' and is based around our class reading book of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', by Roald Dahl. Our topic work will be focusing on farming on the Isle of Wight and looking at which different food items are produced here and in Science we will be finding out how our teeth and digestive systems work. Please see the Topic Overview for more information.

Both classes will be having PE or Games sessions on Tuesday and Friday so children will be expected to wear their Queensgate PE kit to school on those days. This should consist of pale blue PE top, navy blue shorts, a Queensgate school jumper, socks and trainers. (Leggings and tracksuit bottoms will be encouraged in cooler weather). Please ensure that all items are labelled- especially school jumpers- as they have a tendency to go missing!

Currently, we will not be sending homework books home, to minimise the transmission of germs between homes and school, however we will be sending home a laminated double sided sheet which has the key spellings for Year 3 and 4 on one side and all of the times tables up to 12 x 12 on the other. Please encourage your child to spend time learning the facts on this



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sheet as they are expected to know the spellings and all of the multiplication facts by the end of Year 4. Focus on one of the times tables and 7 spellings per week (one row). We will be mirroring that in school starting next week. Reading and Times Tables Rockstars are also essential, as often as possible.

Due to additional safety restrictions, we are not able to change reading books in the way we had previously been doing so; however we will be sending home a reading book next week which can be returned to school on a Friday (if it is finished). The returned books will then be kept in a plastic box for 72 hours before being reissued.

Year 4 pupils usually have an Island based, 2 night residential trip in the Spring or Summer term. Currently we are in discussions with the venue and are thinking about how we can offer this exciting opportunity safely. As soon as we have confirmation that the trip will be able to go ahead in 2021, we will provide you with all the relevant information!

Ordinarily we would be having a meeting to introduce ourselves to you properly and talk through the curriculum and expectations for Year 4 but this is not possible at this time, so please do ask if you have any questions or concerns. We will be available at home time or can be contacted via the main office if you need get a message to us. Please keep us informed of anything that may be affecting your child's mental or physical health so that we can ensure they have the support they need, we will inform you of any concerns that we may have.

Finally, please keep an eye on the weekly newsletters - which are posted on the school's website- for up to date information about events and procedures in school.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team

Miss Hunter, Miss Croutear, Mrs Webb, Miss Hume, Miss Sears and Mrs Wiper.



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