

School Visits and Activities

During the coming year a number of visits and activities are planned. These will supplement the Year 4 curriculum. It is essential that permission slips are returned promptly to the teacher and that any money is paid in advance. 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.

Swimming – Children in Year 4 will begin swimming lessons in the autumn term. These will take place on a Tuesday morning at Hatfield Swimming pool.

Letters forms and monies

Absence notes, permission slips and money can be placed in the box by the office or the children can put them in the class box during registration. These should come in a named envelope with the purpose and amount clearly marked. All absences must be accompanied by a note, even if we have already been notified in person or by telephone. Please send absence notes in on the first day back at school. An absence form is available from the office if you prefer.

Holiday tasks

The summer holiday should be a time of relaxation and fun – however some children find it extremely difficult to settle back into a school routine and this means their learning, and that of their peers, can be disrupted. We suggest that you still find time for regular reading and keep practising those all-important number bonds and times tables! In addition, your child may be asked to produce research ready for the new term.

Any Questions

If you have any questions please feel free to discuss these with your child's class teacher.

We look forward to working with you next year.

Mrs J Pettigrew



Welcome to Year 4

**Information for pupils and
parents**

Welcome to Year 4

This is an important year for our students as it heralds great changes for them. The children will become more independent learners, so they need to be punctual and appropriately prepared for each day. Parents are encouraged to let their children take responsibility for their learning by asking the children to practise their spellings and times tables independently as well as with the support of an adult. Children should also begin completing their learning logs independently first before asking for support. All pupils in Year 4 are expected to come into school on time and should enter and leave school promptly and sensibly.

Responsibilities

The children are responsible for keeping the classroom tidy; putting away learning resources and their own equipment.

How you can help

Equipment they need:

Please provide your child with the following NAMED items:

- A water bottle with sports cap (water only)
- A bag for carrying books to and from school which must be brought in every day. Along with their home school link books, reading books, learning logs (On Tuesdays) and spelling books.
- A PE bag

Named P.E. kit:

- School PE shirt and **black** shorts with **black** tracksuit bottoms for colder weather. (Girls may wear black leggings or tracksuit bottoms for modesty throughout the year.)
- Trainers for outdoor games

At no time should any earrings other than simple studs be worn in school; hooped or dangly earrings are unsafe in the school environment.

For your own convenience, PE kit should be brought in at the beginning of term and taken home only at half term and the end of term.

Supporting your child's learning at home

Every day:

Please listen to your child read.

Help them prepare for the following day:

- reading book
- home school link book
- any letters

Check their bag for letters and their home school link books for any messages.

Get them to school by 8.50am.

Every week:

Ensure they have done their homework. Help them to learn their spellings and to practise using these spellings in oral sentences.

Also encourage the children to practise their times tables so that they can chant their tables in order as well as being able to recall key facts out of order.

Encourage them to discuss their activities at school.

Spellings will be handed out on Mondays and need to be returned on Fridays. Homework will be handed out on Thursdays and must be handed in on the following Tuesday. Homework that is not returned on this day **may not be able to be marked**. If your child is unable to complete their homework due to illness or other social commitments then please write a note in your child's HSLB explaining this. If your child is unable to complete their learning log at home then there is also Learning Log club after school on a Thursday evening.