



Year 4 Newsletter

Term 3 January 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,



We hope you had a good time over the Christmas break and your child is rested and ready for term 3 which is a key term in the school year as it takes us up to the halfway point. For the remainder of the year, your child will be taught by Mrs Evans on Mondays and Fridays and by Mrs Green on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



This newsletter is to inform you of the learning your child will be involved in during this term and to remind you about your child's daily school activities and our expectations.

First a couple of requests:

- **All** items of uniform especially jumpers, but also PE kit, plimsolls, lunch boxes and coats must be clearly named. The lost property box is always overflowing with dozens of school jumpers, most of which are unnamed. Children must have a waterproof coat in school every day this term, even if it is sunny in the morning. If they don't have a coat they will have to sit on a bench under the shelter at playtime.
- Please make sure your child brings their reading book and diary to school every day in their school bag.
- Your child's **contact book** is to be used for messages sent between home and school. Please tell your child if there is a message for us in the morning so we don't miss it.
- Dinner money needs to be in a labelled envelope and either given to the office or to myself at the beginning of the week. Please remember that school dinners need to be ordered for whole weeks and not odd days here and there.
- Some children are taking part in extra curricular clubs. Please remind your child if they are attending a club on a particular day so that they bring the correct items with them as necessary.

Class 4E Key Information reminders

<p>Uniform</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please make sure the high standard of uniform is kept up. All jumpers and cardigans must be those with the Westgate logo on. • Shoes should be plain, black and suitable for wearing all day including outside at playtime. • Earrings must be of the small flat stud type only and need to be removed for PE lessons. • Please do not wear large and colourful hair decorations – simple plain or school coloured slides and hairbands are fine. • No makeup, (including nail varnish) or jewellery is to be worn to school.
<p>Physical Education</p> 	<p>PE kits will be needed on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Kit must be sent in a green school PE bag with your child's name clearly written on the outside. Joggers may be sent in for any lessons that can be taken outside.</p>

<p>Homework</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework will continue to be set on Friday to be completed by the following Thursday. Any work not completed on time will be completed during Friday play/lunch time. • Maths homework will be set on My Maths together with learning times tables, number bonds etc. If your child does not have access to a computer at home they will be given a sheet to complete or will be allowed to use the school computers during a lunchtime. • English homework includes learning the weekly spellings and reading. • Please remember your child is expected to read every day to extend their experience of a range of writing styles and vocabulary and to develop their own reading tastes and habits. Please sign the reading diary to show that your child has read each night. Reading diaries will be checked every day and children who have not read the previous night will be expected to remain in the classroom at playtime to complete their reading. • Please make sure that books are cared for properly at home. You will be expected to pay for any lost or damaged books.
<p>Curriculum coverage</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This term and next, year 4 will be working on a topic titled : The Vikings – Villains or Heroes? • The work will include opportunities for research and debate as we look at different aspects of and opinions about the Viking invasions. • You might be surprised by some of things your child finds out! Ask them about their learning and encourage them to do their own research at home. • Hopefully we will be able to arrange a trip related to our work for later this term

Thank you for your continued support. This is very important and we will all continue to work together to ensure your child has the best possible chance to achieve their full potential.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Evans

Mrs Green

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Year 4 staff