



Monday 6th September 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Year 4. I hope you have had a fantastic summer and your child has settled well into their new class. Please find below some key information regarding learning, homework, expectations and the school year ahead.

Ufton Court Information

On Tuesday 7th September, at 3:40pm, we will be holding an Ufton Court information presentation. This will be in the junior hall.

Upcoming Trips:

- Ufton Court Residential (6th – 7th October for 4SW & 4L, 7th – 8th October for 4M & 4CW)
Detailed information from this week's information evening is available via the school website. **If you have not paid your deposit and wish your child to have a place on this trip, could you please ensure the first instalment is paid no later than Friday 10th September. Medical forms (which will be given out at the meeting tomorrow) must also be returned to your child's class teacher no later than Friday 10th September.** If you have any problems/queries regarding payment, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Wanstall, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Woodward or a member of the Office staff.
- More information about other trips will follow soon

Key Dates

The school newsletter and website have full information about the term dates, whole school events and INSET days. Other trip dates will be confirmed in a future letter.

School Resources

Children should arrive each day to school ready for lessons with the following equipment:

- Blue handwriting pens
- Pencils

Other resources are available to borrow if needed but children may also bring in their own colour pencils or felt tips. Their belongings must fit into ONE pencil case. In addition to this, children should arrive to school each day with their homework diary, a reading book (this can be a home book or a library book) and a water bottle (water only). Pencil cases will continue to remain in school.

Curriculum

Our topic based learning for the autumn term will be the Anglo Saxons. This will have an historical focus, but will also link to several other subjects. In Science we will be learning about Sound and Electricity. Our English lessons will be text based, with our first text being *The Wreck of the Zanzibar*. Maths lessons will cover a wide range of topics, beginning with place value before progressing onto calculation and fractions, decimals & percentages.

Homework

Children will no longer be required to practice spellings at home. We will now be focusing on the learning of spellings at school. The focus for learning at home should be reading regularly and times table revision.

- **Reading:** Read a minimum of 5 times per week, for around 15-20 minutes. This needs to be recorded in the homework diary and signed by a parent once a week. These will be checked on a Monday.
- **Times tables:** The children will be given a set of multiplication facts to learn on a Monday. These will be recorded in their homework diaries and should be practised every day. There will be a timed test on

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Friday. The expectation is that children know all of their times tables with division by the end of Year 4. There is a statutory multiplication test for all Year 4 pupils in June.

Uniform

It is important that children come into school each day looking neat and tidy. Please refer to the website if you are unsure about any aspects of the school uniform. Uniform must be named. Children must not wear any jewellery with the exception of small stud earrings which they must be able to remove for PE.

PE

Full PE kits are expected to be worn on the day your child's class has PE. As well as our normal PE lessons, there may be times when it is needed for lessons taking place in the outside environment. As the weather gets colder, please ensure a jumper is included in the PE kit (not school cardigan on jumper). Under Surrey Schools Health and Safety Policy children may not wear earrings for PE or any school run sport activity including tournaments and dance performances. We therefore ask that if your child has not yet had their ears pierced you refrain from allowing them to do so until the start of the summer holidays next year when there is enough time for the piercing to heal.

Our normal PE lessons will take place on Tuesday and Thursday for all four of the classes.

Communication

Teachers are available via email, Dojo or written letter. Please note that urgent messages should be sent to the school office not via Dojo as there is no guarantee we will see the message in time to tell your child. We will endeavour to get back to you as quickly as possible but do remember that when we are teaching we won't usually see messages until the end of the school day.

If you have a concern, the first port of call should always be your child's class teacher. If you feel you need to speak to someone else get in touch first with the year leader who will liaise with the relevant members of staff.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely,
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