



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5! We have been so excited to welcome your children back into school and have been really impressed with how well they have settled into our new structures and routines.

Our Team:

Mr Mears (Year Leader)

Miss Dawkins

Mrs Jenkins

Mrs Bone

Mrs Eggby

Miss Ward

Drop off and pick up

Children can now enter school through any of the gates.

In the morning, we will open the gates at 08:30 and will close them at 09:00

- Please remember, school now starts at 08:45.

In the afternoon, we will open the gates at 3:05 and will close them at 3:30

Things to bring into school

We have limited storage space. Please only allow your child to bring in:

- Packed lunches (if they have packed lunch)
- A water bottle
- A warm coat (if it is cold)
- Reading and Times Table record books - As a minimum, these books should be in school on a Friday so that we can assess your child's progress but children can bring them in each day.

Things not to bring into school

We kindly ask that children don't bring in:

- Large rucksacks, bags, book bags or P.E. bags. (Unless your child is swimming - as this helps us avoid clutter and clean more easily.)
- Cuddly toys and other things such as pencil cases, play things etc that can't come into school.

P.E timetable

Children will come into school in P.E. kit when we have P.E. Our P.E. days are:

- Wednesday and Thursday

For P.E we ask that children wear:

- Usual school t-shirt and sweatshirt/fleece
- Shorts, joggers, leggings or tracksuit bottoms, (black, grey or blue)
- We ask that children do not wear jeans or football kits on PE days
- If your child comes in to school dressed inappropriately for P.E, we have spare kit which we will allow them to wear for that lesson.

Earrings should not be worn to school on P.E. days. If they are newly pierced, then you should send your child in with surgical tape covering them. We only allow small stud earrings in school at any time; sleepers or dangly earrings are not permitted for health and safety reasons.

Swimming

Your child will be going swimming for approximately half of a term during the course of the year. Swimming will take place on Wednesday afternoons. We will go swimming in groups of 30, starting with Owls class. We will communicate details of any changes etc when required.

COSMIC

Your child's COSMIC time will be on Tuesday afternoon.

Reading

Reading is a key skill which opens up the whole school curriculum for children and we look forward to working hard with you and your child to further develop their reading skills. Your child will bring a reading book home every evening and we would ask that you read with your child as often as possible. We ask the children to read at home a minimum of four times per week and hand their Reading Record in at school every Friday so that we can review and applaud their progress.

On Friday, your child should have brought home their new Home Reading Record for the year. These Home Reading Records have been professionally designed and printed and I'm sure you'll agree that they look fantastic. However, 'fantastic' comes at a cost with each Reading Record costing the school £1.40 apiece. It doesn't seem much but multiply that by 420 odd copies and it starts to get pricey. Therefore, there will not be the endless replacement of lost or damaged Reading Records this year as we simply do not have resources for this. We kindly ask that these Home Reading Records are carefully looked after - along with the reading book that they will accompany. The school has made a huge investment into reading books again this year and we ask you to value the books at home as much as we do in school.

Maths / Times Tables

Children also have a 'Times-Tables Record'. This is to be used by you and your child to record their Tables practice. The record contains some ideas in it about how you can practice at home. We would encourage children to practice their Tables a minimum of 4 times per week and to ensure that they bring their record in on a Friday so that we can record and applaud their progress.

As the year progresses, we will be sending out some additional maths prompts to support you with helping your child to develop all of their maths skills. Look out for future communications!

Reading and Tables Clubs

We know that it can sometimes be difficult to fit in our reading and tables homework tasks. When your child has not had the opportunity to read or practice tables 4 times per week, we will use one playtime per week to help them to catch up on these tasks.

Behaviour

Behaviour is managed as per the school behaviour policy. We have a zone-board in both classrooms which is used to support our approach to behaviour. If your child finishes the day at the top of the board, they earn credits towards educational rewards. On rare occasions, a child may finish the day at the bottom of the zone board and in these instances they may be asked to stay in during break time on the following day.

We are here to help!

We are looking forward to working together over the coming year. Whilst we make every effort to answer questions at drop-off and pick-up, we might not always be able to chat at these times. If we are unable to answer questions at these times, we can also be contacted by email or phone so please don't hesitate to write or call if there is something you would like to discuss.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Year 5 Team.

