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Wednesday 4 September

Autumn term – Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your family had an enjoyable summer break. I am really looking forward to speaking to the class about what they got up to when they return to school on Thursday 5 September.

This term we will be starting a new topic entitled ‘Would you prefer to live in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or the Iron Age?’ You will find a breakdown of the skills and areas of the curriculum the children will be covering on the topic overview that can be found on the school’s website. If you are an expert in this area and would like to come into school and share your knowledge with the children please speak to me before or after school. I would also appreciate any books or resources you may have to help us make the topic as interesting as possible.

Start and End of the Day

The bell for the start of the day will continue to be rung at 8.45am and the children will be asked to line up. At this point the adults who had accompanied their children will be asked to leave the playground. The second bell will then go and the children will be led into school. The children will be sent out to the front playground for collection at 3.15pm. I would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives promptly for the start of the school day as this avoids disruptions. If your child is late, please sign them in at the office.

School lunches

The school dinner menu is displayed in the school kitchen window and emailed with the weekly newsletter. The cost of a school meal is £2.50 and payable through the SchoolGateway app. You may prefer instead to send your child in with a packed lunch, which needs to be placed on the trolley in the playground at the start of the school day.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Healthy snacks can be supplied from home if you desire your child to have one at break times. We would be grateful if you could continue to send your child’s labelled water bottle to school each day. Drinking water regularly during the day obviously helps to keep them fully hydrated.

PE times and Active Wear

Our PE slots for this term will be on Thursday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Please can you ensure that your child has suitable clothing and footwear (in line with the school's active wear policy) not just on these days but for the whole of the week as PE times may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Active wear means: Clothes and footwear comfortable and appropriate for physical activity (not sandals).

PPA Cover

PPA will be covered on Wednesday afternoons by Mrs Onatskaia (Music) and Premier Sports (P.E) in order for me to be able to carry out planning, preparation and assessment activities.

Forest Schools and Outdoor Classroom

The children will be using the areas outside the classroom to extend their learning as well as Forest school sessions. Our date for Forest Schools for the Autumn Term will be communicated to you nearer the time. We ask that you provide a waterproof coat, trousers and wellies on these days but also ensure that your child is suitably dressed on other school days so that we can enjoy the outside space around the school, whatever the weather.

Reading

I hope you have enjoyed listening to your child reading over the holidays. It is vital to stimulate a love of reading at this age and to nurture an ability to discuss what they have read. Listening to your child read daily is highly recommended. As children in year four often begin reading longer books, we will not have a specific day to change reading books. Children may change their book at the start of the day during register time on any day. I always encourage the children to select broad selection of books that encompass a wide range of different genres. I would encourage you to listen to your child read for around 10-15minutes a day and to discuss afterwards what they have recalled.

School Trips

We will be attending an Iron Age Experience day at Wandlebury on the 23rd September and in the second half of the term plan to visit the Anglo-Saxon Village at West Stow on the 28th November. Further details on both these trips will be communicated with you nearer the time.

Spellings

Each Friday a list of spellings will be sent home for your child to practise. You may wish to dictate sentences that contain some of these words and get your child to think about the punctuation they need to include.

Open Afternoon and Parents Consultations

You will have the opportunity to share your child's learning after school on Monday 14 October between 3.15- 4.15pm.

Parent consultations will take place the following week. A list of days and times will be communicated to you via the school office.

Communication

If you wish to talk to me regarding any aspect of your child's schooling please feel free to briefly chat to me at the start or end of the school day or email the school office and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Additional Diary Dates

Meet the staff meeting: 9.00 – 9.20 – Friday 6th September

The 'Multiplication Tables Check' is in May. This is a national assessment to check that year four children know all their times tables up to 12 x 12.

Trip to Grafham Water in the summer term – through the year you may like to look out for a sleeping bag and some water shoes in preparation for this trip.

I look forward to working with you to support your child's learning this year.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Cullen

(Class Teacher)