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Year 4 – Mrs Kivisild

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family have had a wonderful summer break. I very much look forward to hearing about it when your child returns to school on Monday 5th September. The topic for term is Invaders where the children will learn about the period in history from the Stone Age through to the Viking Invasion. We plan to visit West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village later in the term to bring this period to life for the children and enrich their learning. Details regarding the trip will be sent to you nearer the time. If you are an expert in this area and would like to come into school to share your knowledge with the children please speak come and speak to me before or after school. I would also appreciate any books or resources you may have to help us.

Start and End of the School Day

The children will continue to arrive in the school playground between 8.40am and 8.45am. The bell for the start of the day will be rung at 8.45am when the parents/carers will leave the playground while the children will be asked to line up and be taken into the class by their class teacher. The children will be brought 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 disruption. If your child is late, please sign them in at the office.

School Dinners / Packed Lunch

Payment for school dinners is made through the school office if you decide to select this option for your child. The school dinner menu is displayed in the school kitchen window and emailed with the weekly newsletter. You may prefer instead to send your child in with a packed lunch which needs to be placed on the trolleys in the playground at the start of the school day.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Healthy snacks can be supplied from home if you wish your child to have one. 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 helps to keep them fully hydrated.

PE times and Active Wear

Our PE slots for this term are Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Please could 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.

On Thursday mornings, Mr Orton will be covering the class to enable me to have my ECT (Early Career Teacher) release time for me to undertake training and other professional development.

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 emailed out 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 reading with your child over the summer. It is so important to spark a love of reading at this age and to enable them to discuss what they have read. It is highly recommended that you listen to your child read every day for about 10-15 minutes and then to talk about what they have read with them. Every Thursday your child will have the opportunity to select a few reading books they wish to take home for the week. It is encouraged that the children choose a variety of books across different genres.

Spellings

Each Friday a list of spellings will be sent home for your child to practise in preparation for a spelling test the following Friday. You may wish to get your child to practise these spellings by writing sentences containing them.

Communication

If you would like to talk to me about any aspect of your child's schooling, please feel free to speak to me briefly at the start or end of the school day or email the school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be held in October the week before half term (week beginning 17th). You will be sent a questionnaire asking your preference between Zoom consultations and in person consultations. This will help us decide how to run the consultations so we would be grateful if you could respond to this. The dates and times will then be shared with you so that you can book according to what works for you.

Book-nic

On Thursday the 15th of September, we will be having a year 3/4 book-nic (book picnic) where you can join your child after school from 3:15 to 3:50 on the field to read over a picnic. Bring some snacks and a book and enjoy sharing it together outside. There will also be books available at school for you to explore. The book-nic is a chance for us to celebrate the joy of reading with you and your child and has been previously enjoyed by key stage one.

Diary dates

Meet the teacher: Wednesday 7th September, 9:00-9:20am.

I am very much looking forward to working with your child over the coming year and to the start of an exciting new term.

Warm regards,

Mrs Kivisild
Year 4 Class Teacher