

Spring Edition

January 2023

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a very enjoyable Christmas and are ready for the new challenges of 2023. Working together is the best way to ensure that children succeed and develop in a safe and happy environment. We look forward to continuing to work with you to help all our children reach their highest potential.

The Year 4 Team

Calendar dates:

Inset day 10th February

**End of Term
Thursday 9th February**

**Half Term
Monday 13th - Friday 17th
February**

**School starts again
Monday 20th February**

**Easter Break
3rd April - 16th April**

**School starts again
Monday 17th April**



Non-Fiction Writing

English

This term we will be working on non-fiction writing, particularly the creation of an explanation text..

Maths

Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000
Written multiplication

Measures - length and perimeter
Partitioning mixed numbers

Science: States of Matter

Geography: The Water Cycle and Rivers

Art: Collage and decoration: Carnival
Masks

PSHE: Understanding what it means to be part of a Rights Respecting School.
Jigsaw: Dreams and goals

ICT: Computer science and coding

RE: Life as a Journey.

Music: Everyone in Year 4 will be learning the guitar this year. (These are kept in school).

PE: Basketball and Dance

French: Gone shopping

Uniform and Equipment

Please remind yourself of school policy on uniform, PE kit and equipment, in particular, ear-rings and water bottles. This is attached to this newsletter and is always available on the school website. We thank-you for helping us by adhering to these policies.

Dojo and Behaviour

Please keep a constant watch on class dojo - in addition to seeing your child's behaviour dojos, most school messaging comes via this site so it is very important that you monitor it. If you have any difficulties, please contact your child's teacher of the school office.

Upcoming Events in Year 4

Trips this term

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For members of the Young Voices choir only:

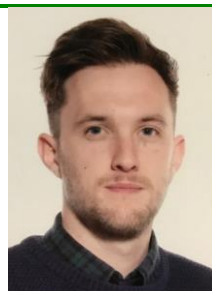
Concert at the O2 Arena on Wednesday 18th January.

Assemblies

**KS2 Rights Respecting Schools Assembly
Tuesday mornings**



**Achievements Assembly
every 3rd week.**



Mr Nash



Miss Clinch

Year Group Photo

Home and school partnership

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that they:

- Arrive at school on time, the gates open at 8.40am. Registration is at 8.50am.
- Read daily to develop a love for reading and to improve fluency and comprehension skills.
- Share their school experiences with you so that you are aware of their school life.

Miss Clinch and Mr. Nash

Attendance and Punctuality

Do ensure that your child comes to school every day unless they are really ill. Even one day off means missing many lessons and it can be hard to catch up.

(Please remember that if your child has vomited or suffered from diarrhoea, they should stay off for 48 hours to avoid passing on any bugs).

Arriving in school on time is also vital, as lessons start at 9am prompt!!

PE days – Friday outdoor games / Thursday indoor PE. Please wear PE kit to school on these days.

UNIFORM REMINDER

- Children are not permitted to wear clothing that has Logos on it (this includes fashionable brand names or strips).
- Children are no longer required to wear white shirts, they can now wear white polo tops. Children can continue to wear the shirts they have until they are ready to be replaced.
- Children are no longer required to wear ties.

All children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos and is based on the following principles:

- Promotes a sense of pride amongst the children in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind.
- Impacts positively on attitudes to learning

Please note that it is not compulsory to purchase logo items of school uniform, you may purchase plain uniform items from a shop of your choice - something that we actively encourage you to do.

Second-hand uniforms can benefit all parents, particularly those on low incomes. In addition, by extending the life of garments, it is more sustainable.

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Grey trousers▪ Grey shorts in the summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Grey skirt/tunic/trousers▪ Green & white check dress in the summer▪ Grey shorts in the summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ White polo shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ White polo shirt
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Grey socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ White/grey socks/tights
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bottle green pullover or school sweatshirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bottle green cardigan or school sweatshirt

Black school shoes

No trainers or the equivalent

Children are not allowed to wear boots

**Please note: Shoes should not have flashing lights.
Sandals and other open footwear are not allowed at any time of the year**

PE - children should come into school wearing their PE kit on days they have PE lessons

Indoor PE:

- Black shorts
- White T-Shirt
- Bare feet
- Black leotards are acceptable for Junior Girls (if they can change in and out of these quickly)

Outdoor PE:

- Black shorts
- White T-Shirt
- Black plimsolls or training shoes
- Socks ONLY - No tights

In colder weather (the following is allowed):

- Children may wear a green fleece (with or without a school logo) or a plain black tracksuit top / fleece / hoodie with black jogging bottoms over their shorts and t shirt.

Water Bottles

- Please either purchase a Castilion Water bottle from the school office or provide your child with a clear plastic, push-up top water bottle.

Jewellery

- For health and safety reasons, please do not send your child to school wearing jewellery. If your child has already had his/her ears pierced, they may only wear plain studs, with no stones.

Watches

- Children may only wear plain, small, watches that only tell the time and do not allow any other activity to be accessed.

Hair

- Children should come to school with sensible haircuts. Skin-head, Mohican, motif haircuts, dyed hair and coloured extensions are not permitted.
- Children may wear plain beads but these must be tied back.
- Hair accessories should only be worn in order to keep hair tied back, they should be discreet and plain coloured (black/white/green)
- Nail varnish and make-up MUST NOT be worn.

Nut Free School

As we have several children in school who suffer from severe nut allergies, we have made the decision to continue forwards as a 'Nut-Free School'. If your child has **any** serious allergy, please inform our Senior Administrator Ms N Walford via the school office and their teacher as soon as possible. Although we are now striving to be a nut-free school, it will be impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that no nuts will be brought onto the premises.



Please record all daily reading in the children's reading record books.

Teachers will be checking these and signing them regularly.

Reading records and reading books should be brought to school every day to support progress.

Your child may bring a healthy snack to eat at playtime such as fresh / dried fruit or healthy cereal bars.
You can order milk for your child if you wish to do so.

Please supply your child with a re-usable, clear, plastic water bottle with a flip up, non-spill lid.

Thank you for your support.