

Spring Edition

April 2023

Dear Families,

We hope you had a lovely Easter break! We are happy to welcome you back and hope you have had a wonderful and restful break! We have lots of exciting activities planned and look forward to exploring these with the children. Together with your continued support, we aim to help all of our children to work towards their goals.

The Year 4 Team

Calendar dates:

Term Begins

Monday 17th April

Half Term

Monday 29th May

- Friday 2nd June

May Day Bank Holiday:

Monday 1st May

Coronation Bank Holiday:

Monday 8th May

Messy Science Day!

23rd May

Govt. Multiplication Check

5th June

End of Term

Friday 21st July

1.30pm finish



English

This term we will be working on writing narratives using different books for inspiration. We will be writing descriptions and a diary as well as writing in role to tell a story.

Maths

Decimal fractions

Continue consolidating calculations

Time and money

Shape, statistics, position and direction

Science: Sound and Electricity

Geography: Comparing London with an area of Italy. Looking at reasons that cities are located where they are.

History: Impact of the Romans

DT: Food - healthy diet, hygiene in food preparation

Designing and creating a toy incorporating an electrical circuit

PSHE: Continuing to explore being a Rights Respecting School.

Jigsaw: Relationships and Changing Me

ICT: Spreadsheets and Logo

RE: Hinduism in the UK

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

PE: Tennis, Rounders and Athletics
Problem Solving

French: What's the Time? Holidays and Hobbies

Uniform and Equipment

Please remind yourself of school policy on uniform, PE kit and equipment, in particular, ear-rings, bags and water bottles.

This is attached to this newsletter and is always available on the school website.

We would greatly appreciate everyone adhering to these policies.

[Indoor PE day - Thursday](#)

[Outdoor PE day - Friday](#)

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 or the school office.

Upcoming Events in Year 4

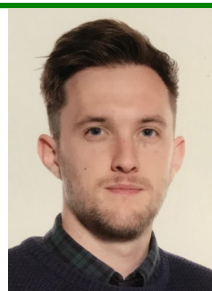
Trips and Visitors this term

Friday 21st April - riverside walk close to the school.

Tuesday 23rd May - Messy Science

19th June: Possible cricket day:

Assemblies
KS2 Rights Respecting Schools Assembly
Tuesday mornings



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

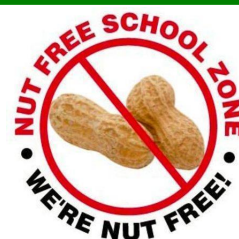
- Children may only wear plain, small, watches that only tell the time and do not allow any other activity to be accessed.

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.