

WHALEY BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Year 4 Parent(s)

Here is some information about how things are run in our class. This letter contains quite a lot of information, lots of it you will be familiar with anyway, but please don't be put off from reading it. If there is any other information you require please ask, or if there is any way to improve the information given, please tell us.

Homework

This will be handed to the children on **Thursday**. (You are free to feel suspicious if your child looks blank when it is mentioned). It should be handed in no later than the following Tuesday morning so that it can be marked and reviewed. This will be the arrangement all year unless I let you know otherwise. Please help by reading through your child's homework. **Homework must be done in pencil.**

Each week there will be a minimum of two pieces of homework set. One will be spellings/ other Literacy task and the other a maths activity that fits in with the lesson content.

N.B. Confident use of all the tables from 2 to 10 is expected by the end of Year4 and I would recommend a 5 minute practise as often as possible.

Uniform

In the classroom and playground your child is expected to wear sensible school shoes and not trainers. Trainers can be worn at lunchtimes for sporting activities, but must be changed for afternoon school. High heels are unsuitable wear for school and children wearing these or trainers will be asked to change into P.E. pumps while in school.

P.E. – Monday

Multi-Sports – Tuesday

Please ensure your child has a full P.E. kit in a suitable bag at all times. They must change footwear and have T-shirt, shorts or appropriate trousers (e.g. track suit bottoms). Hygiene is important, so pump bags should go home regularly for the kit to be washed. Much of the P.E. this term will take place in the hall so black pumps are a **must**. Multi-sports takes place outside so trainers (**NOT PUMPS**) will be needed on a Tuesday.

Reading Folders

If at all possible your child will be heard read at least **once** a week at school. Please try to read with your child as often as possible and at least **three** times a week (10 minutes at a time is adequate), to ensure progression. Every child must bring their folders with the book and reading record to class each day.

Cloakrooms

Cloakrooms and corridors are very busy at the start and finish of the day. Except for youngest children we expect your child to be able to sort themselves out, meeting and leaving you in the playground. The children know which door they should enter and leave by. Packed lunches go onto the racks in the servery. **No child should be in school accompanied or otherwise until 8.50am**, except where a special arrangement applies.

Dinner Money

If your child has school lunches payment should be sent in every Monday morning in an envelope with your child's details on the front. If dinner money payments fall into arrears by two weeks we will ask you to send your child in with a packed lunch until the debt is cleared. Should this reoccur you will be asked to give your child packed lunches until the end of term. Lunches can be paid for weekly or half termly. If your child requires a lunch for one day occasionally please send in the money on that day.

Telephone calls

We try to encourage children to become independent. When children join Key Stage 2 they will be responsible for remembering homework, P.E. kit etc. If they do not wish, or are unable, to borrow and want to telephone home, phone calls will be charged at 10p for local calls and 50p to a mobile. Should your child feel ill or have an accident and need to ring home we will of course not charge for telephone calls.

Exciting Music News!

Year 4 are taking part in a nationwide scheme that introduces each and every child in our year group to a brass instrument. Every Thursday morning 2 specialist music teachers will lead a music lesson for 45 minutes. Each and every child will have use of an instrument for an entire year, taking it home with them after school on a Thursday in order to practise and returning it to school in time to take part in the following week's lesson. We're not sure what the instrument is yet...but we're hoping for cornets! The children are very excited about this opportunity and, as all the class T.A.s and I will be learning alongside them, we'll be badgering them (and ourselves) about practising. The 'Royal Philharmonic' here we come!

Swimming

Year 4 swim on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Unless an arrangement has been made with Miss Rylands, Mr Heys or myself and a note provided, your child must take part in the swimming lesson as part of their curriculum coverage. If you can help with swimming please sign the list on the classroom door. CRB clearance must be given before you are able to act as a volunteer. Forms are available from the school office.

Conclusion

Sorry for the length of the letter, but things run much better if there are clear routines. I don't want to lose teaching time chasing lots of trivial items. There are lots of opportunities to get involved in class and there is a full curriculum timetable in the entrance by the kitchen. Everyone in our class is looking forward to a busy and exciting year, and I am available if anyone has any concerns.

Yours sincerely
Miss Farrell

IMPORTANT DAYS TO REMEMBER!
(Cut out and keep somewhere safe!)

Monday	P.E. (need pumps!)
Tuesday	Multisports (need trainers) Homework to be handed in Spelling test
Wednesday	Swimming (don't forget kit!) Tables test
Thursday	Homework is given out.

