

Your Child in Year 5

Purpose of this afternoon



To introduce ourselves.

To explain how you can help your child at home.

To discuss and explain strategies to help your child with their organisation in their different subject lessons.

Homework Diary



The homework diary is an important form of communication between school and home.

Your child has a Homework Diary which should be **in school every day** and taken home in the evening. It is important that you **sign the diary** each night. It will be checked in Form Time.

Your child should complete their homework independently, if possible.

We expect all children to read regularly at home and for at least **25 minutes** if there is no other homework, with their reading journal being filled in.

Your child's timetable and homework timetable is kept in their diary.

Spelling

The children will be continuing with their Read, Write Inc spelling programme this year.

Spellings will be sent home weekly in their log, however they are dependent on the lessons which have been taught that week.

There may not be a 'set' day for spellings. When they come home, there will be a week for them to be learnt.

Preparing your child for the future



We will encourage your child to think more for themselves and become more self-sufficient, independent and resilient.

Parents can help in several ways:

Encourage your child to organise their belongings.

Encourage your child to ensure that they have the correct items each day.

Familiarise yourselves with learning grid to help plan your child's homework activities.

Read regularly with your child and fill in reading diary.

Remind your child to bring in their homework diary everyday and make sure you have signed it!

There will be opportunities for Year 5 to become buddies with Nursery children. They will also take part in school tours for prospective parents and visitors.

Behaviour Expectations



All children are expected to adhere to our Behaviour Guidelines. We will encourage children to display behaviour that will enable all children to learn effectively. We will be placing a particular emphasis on positive reinforcement of good behaviour and manners.

Uniform and Equipment



All uniform and kit **MUST** be named and have a loop for hanging (blazers, smocks etc.) Smocks must have a full set of buttons please.

Year 5 have Swimming on **Monday or Tuesday, PE on Wednesdays and Fridays**. Please ensure that your child has all the correct kit, named and in school on the correct days. Please can your children come to school in their PE kit on Friday.

Children will not be allowed to do sport in their school shoes. Please be aware of the correct PE kits – black kit please.

Children will need a recorder, handwriting pen – if they have pen licence, pencils, rubber, sharpener, ruler, glue stick and a school back-pack. (Ink erasers are discouraged). Please replenish during the year as necessary.

Please ensure all equipment is named too.

Reminders



- **Emergency numbers** - change of mobile/address.
- **Medical conditions** - allergies, dietary requirements, second inhaler needed in office.
- **Absences** – it is very important that you telephone the office if your child will be away from school, with a **written note** to follow.
- **Hair** – Girls: tied back, no hair braids. Boys: tidy, no longer than above the collar.
- **Jewellery** - only plain, gold studs. No earrings on Games/PE days please.
- **No tattoos or nail varnish.**
- **Nut free zone** – no nuts to come to school in cakes or lunches.
- **Snacks at break-time** – please provide your child with a fruit or vegetable snack in a named pot.
- **Photos** – if you do not wish your child to be photographed for marketing purposes, please let us know.

Key Dates

- Petworth House – 2^{4th} September 2019 – Victorian Costume needed
- Year 5 Residential Trip to Windmill House in Sussex near Herstmonceux 18th March to 20th March 2020.
- Upper School Xmas Disco Friday 6th December 2019
- Upper School Christmas Service – 2pm Thursday 12th December 2019 at St. Luke's Church.

Safeguarding



Collection – please let us know **in writing or a phone call to the office** if there is a change in who will be collecting your child.

We will not be able to let your child go home with another parent without a note or phone call.

More Information



Don't forget to regularly check our website which contains lots of information about events and dates. If bad weather leads to school closure it will be displayed on the home page. Text messages will also be sent.

Curriculum Summaries will be issued, you will also find these on the school website.

There are more football and netball matches now that the children are in Year 5. These are either home or away fixtures and take place after school.

Clubs – any questions

Questions and who to contact

- Please speak to us about any concerns or queries you may have at the end of the day. For more lengthy discussions, we can arrange a convenient time.

