



Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to another busy and action packed year. We have already planned several exciting events for the year and have some new ways of bringing creativity back into the classroom. As always, children are at heart of everything we do. Your child's welfare and learning are extremely important to us. If there is anything that you think might be affecting this as the year progresses, then please speak to your child's class teacher. Our partnership with parents/carers is vitally important. Given the challenging new curriculum- particularly in reading, writing and maths- the positive involvement of parents/carers in their education is vital in order to give your child the best possible start in life.

As the new school year is underway we thought it would be a good opportunity to bring a few issues to your attention.

Homework

Topic related homework challenges will continue this year. It will also include activities which relate to your child's empowering learning targets for the term which are 'Effective Participators' and 'Team Workers'. You will see that there is a compulsory spelling challenge and maths challenge for the term. Children will be expected to learn their spelling list and complete the maths activity. Children will be expected to learn their times tables to complete their times table challenges in school. For children who are finding homework difficult, we have a Homework Club every Monday break time and Thursday lunchtime in Oak Class. Children are able to attend the club as frequently as they wish and do not need to attend the club every week. Your child will receive their homework book with their challenges next week. We are looking forward to seeing the amazing homework, as always, throughout the term!

Reading

We ask that you continue to hear your child read at home to maintain their enjoyment of reading. It will also continue to develop their ideas for their writing. Each class has their own reading reward scheme which your child has already been made aware of. Please ensure that you support your child in noting down the books they are reading and the pages they have read in their reading log.

P.E Kit

A reminder that children should bring their P.E kit with them into school on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. Indoor P.E kit should include plain, dark shorts and a white t-shirt, whilst outdoor kit should include, shorts or jogging/tracksuit bottoms, a warmer top and trainers. P.E is a statutory requirement for all children so it is important that all children take part every week. If there are any medical issues which means your child cannot take part in P.E or problems with your child's P.E kit then please contact the school.

Swimming Lessons

This year there are changes to which class will attend the Hydro for their weekly swimming session.

Beech Class - Autumn Term (Beginning Monday 18th September)

Oak Class- Spring Term

Maple Class- Summer Term

Brazil Day

On Monday 11th September we are running a full day of exciting activities to kick start our topic on Brazil. Children will enjoy cooking, Samba drumming, Brazilian football and dancing throughout the day. Your child does not need to bring anything with them and can wear normal school uniform. Please ensure that they have their P.E kit in school. As a result of Brazil day, there will be no swimming for Beech Class that day. If you have paid in advance then payment can be reimbursed at the school office or transferred to the following week.

Meet the Teacher

We will be holding a 'meet the teacher' event between 3.15p.m and 4.15p.m on Thursday 14th September. This is an excellent opportunity to look at your child's learning environment and address any early issues/questions/queries you may have at this stage. It is an informal event so you do not need to make an appointment. Please come along to Oak class (Mr Street and Mrs Chipp's classroom) at 3.15p.m. You are very welcome!

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5/6 Teaching Staff