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Year 4 Welcome Newsletter

Welcome back to all of the children starting Year Four this year. Mrs Critchley and I are very excited to welcome you back to a brand new year group and we hope that you are all rested and ready to enjoy life back in St. Bernadette's.

A warm welcome also to parents and carers. This letter is our opening salvo in building good communication links and relationships with you. It contains information that is important at the start of our year. If there is anything else you would like to know, or are unsure of, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Mr Doyle.



Mr Doyle



Mrs Critchley

Staff

Mrs Critchley will be working alongside us in our year 4 family. If there is anything you think we need to know and you can't catch a member of staff at the beginning or end of school day, please do ring/email school or write on Class Dojo.

Weekly Mass

On Tuesdays, different classes from our school attend the morning mass at our local parish church – St. Bernadette's. We will let you know when our Year 4 children will attend mass. You are always very welcome to join us so please come along.

Homework

Homework is a valuable way of enhancing your child's learning and we greatly value your support. Each term/half term we will be sending out our 'Learning Log' homework. Children will have weekly tasks of reading, spelling and maths and they can also choose a fun, family friendly task to be completed. 'Learning Log' homework will be presented every Friday on our class Dojo.

The children will receive weekly spellings. These will consist of some words with the same spelling pattern and also words that the children will need to know by the end of Year 4. Our spelling tests will be complete on Fridays. A good knowledge of the times tables is a key skill every child needs. Children will be given a times table to learn and tested each Friday. This year there will be a compulsory times table test for all Year 4 children in the country. We will be working towards this every week.

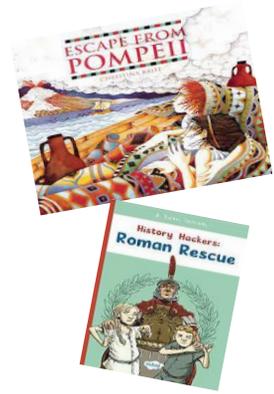
Reading

Reading should be completed at home as often as possible. Please make sure you sign your child's reading record each time you read.

This year every class in school will be sending home readers linked to our new colour banding system. We shall do a book/diary check and change to monitor reading each Friday.

We will also be encouraging children to have a class reader of their choice that they can read in ERIC shared reading time in class.

Regular RIC focused reading lessons will be taught in class every week.



Equipment/Resources needed

Please remember to bring in your water bottle each day. They can be refilled during each day.

Our PE days are Tuesday and Friday, so the children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on those days. Our PE Kit is a plain white T-shirt (no logo), plain black joggers/leggings/ shorts and trainers with a plain black hoodie (no logo). Please label all clothing, coats and shoes. Children will be provided with pencil cases, so there is no need to bring in ones from home.

Friends of St. Bernadette's (PTFA)

The PTFA are keen to recruit some new members. It would be fantastic to have a representative from all year groups. If you would like to get involved through planning and organising events, please speak to the class teacher. You might know another parent who would be really good and may need a bit of encouragement. Thank you for your support.

Lunches

If your child is opting for a school lunch then please order these on the myevolvehub.com and if you have any questions about lunches/payments etc then , please contact the school office. Children are allowed to bring in a snack for break times but remember, try and choose a healthy option such as a piece of fruit or perhaps some toast?

Payments

We are moving towards a cashless system and so use 'ParentPay' for all payments to the school. Please contact the school office with any questions you may have about ParentPay.

Attendance

It is very important to your child's education they attend school and arrive on time. If there are any problems, Mrs. Speakman our Pastoral Manager will be happy to help.

No holidays must be taken in term time.

Class Visit to Chester

We are working on looking at the possibility of running a class day trip to Chester museum to support our topic on the Romans. We successfully ran a trip there two years ago which really brought the topic to life. We will be in touch with you just as soon as we have more information.

Important Dates for Year 4

Tuesday September 28th Y4 morning mass at St. Bernadette's Church

Thursday September 30th Proposed Y4 'Roman' trip to Chester.