



Learning God's Way

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! The Year 4 team are very excited about the new academic year and are looking forward to welcoming your children into their new classrooms.

As we begin the autumn term, we would like to take the opportunity to let you know some important information about the organisation of Year 4 and other matters.

Morning Drop-off and Afternoon Pick-up

Our morning will start at 8:40am. Please drop your child off at the main entrance on Arundel Road (which leads directly onto the lower playground) and initially your child will be met on the playground by their class teacher. As the term progresses, the children will be asked to independently walk from the main entrance to the classroom where the teaching team will be waiting to register them.

At the end of the school day, please arrive promptly at 3:05pm at the silver gates and leave using the one-way system as soon as you have collected your child. If you wish to give permission for your child to walk home, please contact the office and request a permission slip.

Appointments

Should you have any important matters or concerns you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher, please contact the school office to arrange a telephone appointment. Alternatively, you can email the class teacher:

mole@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk or fox@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk.

However, please be aware that emails are only looked at and responded to after school hours.

Cloakrooms

We ask that children **do not** bring large bags/rucksacks to school as our cloakrooms are rather small and space between pegs is restricted. Lunch boxes are stored on top of the cloakroom racks, drawstring PE bags are hung on pegs and book bags are placed in your child's own tray within the classroom.

PE Kits

PE is currently on a Wednesday and Friday. <u>Named</u> PE kits need to be in school and this should include a comfortable pair of trainers for our daily mile.

Painting Aprons

Could we please ask that all children bring in a painting apron as per the school uniform list (a named large shirt is fine). We are currently unable to loan our Painting Aprons and in the event that we have a particularly messy Art lesson, your child may not be able to participate.

Homework

Homework will be set each week. The new homework will be sent home on a Friday. Homework will usually include:

<u>Spellings</u> – We are trialling a program called Spelling Shed as an alternative and fun way of delivering the spellings. Your child will either be asked to learn 5, 8 or all 10 of the spelling words and will be tested on the following Friday after it was set.

<u>Time Tables</u> - in year 4 we are required by the government to assess the children on their quick recall of all times tables. It is very important that children continue to practise these at home regularly. Your child will be set times tables on Times Table Rock Stars. They should login at least 3 times a week at home. Teachers will be monitoring this and we hope to have competitions throughout the year.

Reading — Your child is expected to read at least 5 times during the week (Monday to Sunday). It is expected that comments will include the date of the read, the name of the book and the pages read will be written in. This can be by the child or the child's parents/carers or another grown up. All children should bring their reading book and reading diary into school every day. Extra break time will be rewarded to all children who have completed their 5 weeks and brought in their Reading Diary on the Monday

To begin with in the Autumn Term, we will send paper copies, however once the children have been issued their school email addresses (latter part of Autumn 2), we will be setting homework on Google Classroom.

We hope that you all had a lovely relaxing summer and look forward to working with you and your child over the coming academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Wilson Mrs Broomhead Mrs Brown

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