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Learning God's Way

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Year Five!

We hope you have all had a relaxing and fun summer holiday. Please refer to the school website for details about our curriculum this term. We have a trip planned this half term and details of this will be published shortly.

Reading help

We would like to take this opportunity to ask if there are any parents, who would be willing to come in and help with reading or other activities within the class. Reading is a very important part of the reading curriculum and it is ideal to have an adult with each group where possible. This would involve 20 minutes of your time, hearing individuals read. If you are able to read between 08:30 – 09:00 any morning or after 13:30 in the afternoons, please let your class teacher know. Contact details are at the bottom of this letter. If you have not been in to help in school before, you will need to complete a DBS check with Mrs Glossop.

Home learning

Homework will be set each week. The new homework will be set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday. The children will have reading, spellings and times tables to practice.

Reading

We expect the children to continue with regular reading at home, writing in their diaries to show what has been read. We would expect the children to read twice over the weekend and three times at home during the week. We will look at reading diaries on a Thursday so we can see what books the children have been reading and the lovely comments they have written. We welcome parents to write comments in their children's diaries, but would also like children to write in at least three comments a week themselves. A help sheet of questions and diary comments has been given to the children to support them with writing meaningful comments about their reading.

PE

We do expect PE kit to be in school at all times for PE opportunities outside of our timetable. Please ensure their PE kit consists of a plain white T-shirt, plain navy shorts/ jogging bottoms and suitable trainers. They can also bring in a suitable jumper/ hooded

top for the colder months. Long hair must be tied back and any jewellery removed. In the case of earrings, these can be covered during the lesson with tape, which must be provided from home. For health and safety reasons earring need to be out or covered to prevent injury.

From now until Christmas the children will be participating in swimming lessons at the Littlehampton Wave. This is a great opportunity for the children to bring on their swimming confidence and ability. The swimming instructors will tailor their teaching to the needs and abilities of the children. It might be useful for children to have a pair of flipflops to change into at school to go to the swimming pool. These will be easier to take on and off when we have to enter and leave the changing area.

If your child is unable to do PE for a particular reason, we would ask that a note is given to your child's class teacher with details about this otherwise we will assume that the children are able to participate.

Art

We would appreciate if the children were able to bring in an apron/old oversized adult shirt for our art lessons throughout the year as we will be doing some messy work at times. This apron can be hung on the children's pegs or stored in their PE bags.

PPA cover

Miss Norcross and Mrs Levett will be having her PPA time on Thursday afternoons, this will be covered by Mrs Bland and Mr Hallam, alternating weeks.

Year 5 Expectations

It is imperative that all the children's uniform is labelled (especially as we are swimming this term) to help reunite lost items with their owners in a quick and easy fashion. This should include shoes.

All long hair should be tied back neatly for school lessons, as well as for PE, as per the schools uniform policy.

Children who have to bring in their phone because they walk independently to and from school must give their phone to their class teacher each morning, who will look after it until the end of the day. It should be turned off whilst in school.

Please come to us with any questions or concerns, which we would be happy to discuss with you. We respectfully ask you to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance, as we are best placed to address your query. We can be contacted via the school office, or an email can be sent to the following addresses:

Amberley Class – amberley@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk

Lewes Class – lewes@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk

We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Levett
Lewes Class

Miss J Norcross
Amberley Class

Return to **Mrs Levett or Miss Norcross**

Yes, I am able to help with reading on _____ (specify day/s)

I am able to help in class on _____ (day/s) at _____ (time)
(we will contact you to confirm this as it depends on our timetable)

Child's Name: _____

Adult's Name: _____

*To develop a life-long love of learning; to grow spiritually and reflect Jesus in our words and action; to foster self-respect and love for others;
to provide opportunities for ALL to flourish; to serve our community; to prepare and equip for an ever-changing world.*

