

What a fantastic start everyone has made to this term! I have been so impressed with how everyone is doing and we've enjoyed starting our new topic on the Romans. A few things have cropped up in the last week so hopefully this newsletter will answer any queries you may have. If not, please do get in touch and I will do my best to help.



I'd like to introduce you to the members of our Woodpecker team who will be involved with your child. I am Mrs Cotterell and I am the class teacher. Supporting our work brilliantly in class are a number of assistants, Mrs James, Ms Iszatt, Mrs Carpenter and Miss Brain. On a Friday afternoon the children are taught PE by Mr Wilkins from Pro-Stars. Our lunchtime supervisor is Mrs Tippins.

Thank you so much for remembering reading books and reading records. These are so important and need to be in school every day please. They contain the passwords the children need for our online learning sites. I am starting to monitor reading at home now and children will receive dojo points when they read at home and when they bring their records into school. Please try to listen to your child read at home at least 3 times a week as this makes a huge difference to their writing and progress in other subjects.

Children are now in spelling groups and have been given their spellings to learn for the week. They will be given new spellings on a Monday and tested on a Friday. Please help your child practise their spellings at home. These can be found on our Woodpeckers page if you misplace them. With all homework it is not my intention to cause upset at home. If you have any issues please let me know as soon as possible.

I will be starting to set the children homework using mymaths and emile from next week. The sites should be accessible using tablets or phones as well as laptops and desktop computers. The children have all been given their passwords but I am still making sure the children know what to do before I set it as homework. If anyone has any difficulties with accessing online work or newsletters please can you let the office know as soon as possible.

The children are outside as often as we can so please make sure they have a coat in school every day. This includes playtimes and eating our lunch outside while the weather is dry enough. They have been brilliant at staying in our class bubble together.

Our PE sessions are on a Friday so your child will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits for the day. Children should be wearing their green polo or t-shirt and blue or black shorts with daps or trainers. As it gets a little colder, children can wear their school jumper and leggings or jogging bottoms to keep warm.

I have noticed that there are a few birthdays coming up soon. Unfortunately we cannot accept cakes or sweets to hand out anymore. This is partly due to the current pandemic situation but also due to food allergies. Thank you for your understanding with this.

As a final reminder, we are encouraging parents to keep a safe distance from one another when collecting children. Our Key Stage 2 area is the far side of the playground, the other side of the hut. Please make your way there at 3pm otherwise I can't always see you.

I really want the children to be happy in my class. Please do get in touch if there is anything I can help with.

Kind regards, Mrs Cotterell