

# St Mary & St John CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome your children into Year 4! It has been lovely first few days getting to know them better. We are aware that there may be lots of questions at the start of the year and will try to answer them as best we can in this letter.

Our PE slots this term will be on Wednesdays and Thursday / Friday. From Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September we will begin our swimming lessons (Sycamore). Walnut class will have their swimming lessons beginning Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> onwards. Children will be assessed by instructors and given appropriate instruction based on their current swimming ability. It is required that children bring a swimsuit (one piece, not two piece), goggles and a swimming hat. It has been brought to our attention that during private sessions at the same pool, hats are not required. For school swimming sessions swimming hats are a requirement and will be expected to be worn, the instructors are normally quite strict on this! Exceptional cases will be considered.

Accompanying this letter will be a copy of this term's curriculum map. This will lay out the areas of learning that we will be covering up to the October half term. We are immensely looking forward to exploring the learning with both classes. If you have any questions about the areas, we will be covering, please get in touch. The best way to contact us is either: At the end of the day during drop off or emailing through the school office. In line with school policy, we will not be giving out our emails directly.

Across both classes we have ensured that any stationary that the children required is provided; with this in mind we ask that children are not sent in with their own pencil cases. We do however ask that children begin to bring in a reading book from home. This can be kept in school. Over the term we will have library time and we have a small selection of books in the classroom but to kick things off it would be wonderful if they could have a book from home.

Due to the on-going issues around Covid-19, it is still challenging to organize off site trips and visits. This being said, we are trying to arrange a trip to the Ashmolean to further explore the Ancient Romans, however if this is not possible, we are looking into alternatives. You will be informed via parent pay about any trips and visits.

Once a week we will be having non-contact time. This will take place every Tuesday afternoon. For these afternoon sessions the children will be taught by Mr Motion and Mrs. Edwards.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office or catch us at the end of the day. We look forward to working with you as the year progresses.

Many thanks,

Miss Stickley, Mr Fricker and the rest of the Year 4 team.

*Let all that you do be done in love...*

*1 Corinthians 16:14*