

Lower Junior Newsletter – Autumn Term 2018

A very 'Happy New Academic Year' is wished to you. Thank you to everyone who attended the Lower Junior Induction Meeting. It was a lovely opportunity to introduce the whole of the Junior Team and explain how the curriculum will be taught this term, together with how your child needs to be organised now they are in Key Stage 2. We are working hard to ensure that your children are becoming increasingly independent with their learning and appreciate your support, particularly when leaving them in the morning. We will also be making every attempt to consider worthwhile trips or visitors to our school in order that our curriculum is enhanced further and put into context. A further summary of what was discussed follows:

The Lower Key Stage 2 Teachers:

- Mrs Allen – Year 3 – Lower Junior Phase Leader
- Mrs Collins/Mrs Cole Year 3
- Miss Marshall– Year 4
- Miss Doherty – Year 4

Curriculum Coverage

As you will no doubt be aware, there is a wide range of curriculum coverage beyond English and Maths each term and attached is a copy of the topic web which gives a brief overview of this term. Subsequently, as a team we have in-depth planning of these subjects which we use on a weekly basis to guide our teaching. If you have any resources or expertise in these areas, we would welcome the opportunity for you to share them with us.

Pencil Cases

Again, to encourage your child to be independent and ready to start a task, please take some time to buy a 'smallish' pencil case. This should contain their pencil, eraser, small ruler, barrel sharpener and a small gluestick. Optional items could include some colouring pens or pencils and a set of highlighter pens.

Uniform

All children must wear the correct uniform with a special plea that all items are clearly named. An exceptional amount of the day can be spent on tracking down missing school uniform – especially if unnamed. Please also observe the school rules for jewellery and ensure that, for safety reasons, only stud earrings can be worn, which must be removed for PE. Only permitted religious bangles may be worn and **MUST** be covered with a sweatband for PE.

Brain Builders Homework

Brain Builder homework will generally be given out on a Friday. The children will have 10 days to complete the work. If there is a genuine reason for any homework not being completed, please write a note in your child's reading diary, otherwise loss of Golden Time will continue until the work is handed in. In addition, the children will soon receive a login for 'doodlemaths', which was trialled last year by year 4. It was found to be a successful complement to our daily Maths lessons and was enjoyed by all.

Reading

Reading practice needs to take place daily at home for 10 minutes (Monday to Thursday and once over the weekend) with questioning to show understanding. We request that parents record a brief comment in their child's reading record and sign each time they read. Children will lose 5 mins Golden Time if they do not have their reading record signed unless a note is received with a valid reason.

Physical Education

The Lower Juniors participate in two physical education (PE) lessons each week

Your children will require a clean indoor and outdoor PE kit and these should also be clearly named. *Please be assured, children do not recognise their own white t-shirt or blue shorts!* **Please note that plimsolls are no longer required.**

Indoor PE	white t-shirt, navy shorts, bare feet
Outdoor PE	white t-shirt, navy shorts, trainers, dark tracksuit for colder weather conditions (not their school jumper)

Loss of golden time will occur if children do not have their PE kit in school without a good reason.

Physical Education

The Junior PE timetables are as follows:

Class	Indoor	Outdoor
3JA	Tuesday	Monday
3C	Monday	Friday
4JM	Wednesday	Thursday
4SD	Friday	Tuesday

Social Network Sites and the Internet

Those parents who have attended any of our fantastic information sessions on Internet Safety will fully appreciate the seriousness of how our children's safety can be compromised if parents are not monitoring computer games and social network sites. In addition, despite the fact that social network sites such as Facebook are illegal for any child under 13 years of age; it is sometimes a place for some inappropriate interaction or unkind comments being made by some pupils. This behaviour can then intrude on pupil's education. If you allow your child to sign up to these websites, or use them at other children's homes, please be aware of your role of responsibility and ensure that you have full access by knowing your child's password.

Water and Fruit

Please can all children bring in a water bottle to keep in their class so that they can have a drink throughout the day. Children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at morning break. Lunch time is at 12.45pm which is later than in KS1 so a snack does help them to allow for a later lunch.

Golden Time

You will no doubt be aware that every child is entitled to 30 minutes 'Golden Time' every Friday and this is a lovely opportunity for children to choose activities that are not curriculum based and interact with each other. Loss of Golden Time will occur for breaking a school rule, not completing homework, failing to read or being without a PE kit for their lessons. However, if there is a genuine reason for any of the above, please record it in your child's reading record.

Residential Trips

News will follow shortly of a residential trip open to Y3 and 4 (with Y4 taking priority) to the Frontier Centre in Northamptonshire. It is booked for Monday 13th May to Wednesday 15th May 2018.

Assessments

Internal assessments will take place throughout the year, the results of which will be reported at the Parents' Evenings that will follow. However, concerns at any time over your child's progress can be discussed with their class teacher after school most nights, preferably with an appointment. The mornings are far more difficult now that teachers have door duties or are in their classrooms covering the start to the day.

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will occur during the second part of the year and we will continue to offer you the opportunity to see some of the work your child's class has undertaken. A letter will be sent home when the assembly is due.

Spellings and Times Table Tests

Class	Spelling	Times Tables
3JA	Tuesday	Friday
3C	Monday	Wednesday
4JM	Monday	Friday
4SD	Friday	Thursday

I trust this information will be of help to you over the next term. In the meantime, I wish you and your children a very happy and successful 2018/19 and look forward to seeing you around Wraysbury Primary School.

Mrs Jo Allen
Lower Junior Phase Leader