



Dear Parents & Carers

KS2 Spring Term Newsletter - January 2019

A belated Happy New Year! We have all had a great start to the Spring Term and are extremely pleased to have Miss Clark joining us on a Monday and Tuesday in 3C. We are continuing to work hard to ensure that your children are becoming increasingly independent with their learning and appreciate your support with ensuring PE kits and basic pencil case equipment are in school. Where this is not happening regularly it not only has an adverse effect on your child but the class as a whole.

Curriculum Coverage

As you will no doubt be aware, there is a wide range of curriculum coverage beyond English and Maths each term and therefore a copy of the topic web, giving a brief overview of this term, is attached. 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 subjects, 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 begin 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 glue stick. Optional items could include some colouring pens or pencils. Please do not send in expensive stationery such as 'Smiggle' items or multiple large pencil cases as they can easily go missing.

Physical Education

The Lower Junior PE timetables are as follows:

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

Your children will require a clean indoor and outdoor PE kit each week and these should also be **clearly** named. *Please be assured, children do not recognise their own white t-shirt or blue shorts!*

Indoor PE	white t-shirt, navy shorts, bare feet
Outdoor PE	white t-shirt, navy shorts, trainers, dark tracksuit in colder weather conditions (<u>not</u> their school jumper).





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 and PE kits - especially if unnamed. Please also observe the school rules for jewellery and ensure that, for safety reasons, only stud earrings are worn, which must be removed for PE. Only permitted religious bangles (not string bracelets) may be worn and **MUST** be covered with a sweatband for PE. The current spell of cold weather has highlighted the fact that some children are coming into school with unsuitable footwear and no coats. This makes breaktimes difficult as children are expected to be outside playing.

Homework

We are pleased the children are enjoying their Brain Builder homework. However, we have noticed that some of the Brain Builders are not as neat, or as detailed, as we would expect them to be. Children still need to take care to spell words correctly and use the correct punctuation. May we remind you that all children should be spending 2 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs on their homework.

Reading

To consolidate the teaching of reading in school, it is imperative that you continue to read with your child at least five times a week (Mon - Thurs and once at the weekend) and sign it off in the reading record. To ensure their understanding of the book, please continue to ask them questions.

Spellings

Your child should come home with a spelling list to learn each week. Parents can help by testing their children and checking their understanding by asking them to place it appropriately in a sentence. These spellings will be tested weekly.

Parent Helpers

We are always grateful to those parents, grandparents and visitors to our school offering their help, particularly to hear readers. Criminal record checks are required for all our helpers, but this is a simple procedure and DBS forms are available from the office.

I wish you and your children a very happy and successful 2019 and look forward to seeing you around Wraysbury Primary School.

Kind regards

Mrs Jo Allen

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