



Dear Parents & Carers

LKS2 Spring Term Newsletter - January 2020

A belated Happy New Year! We have all had a great start to the Spring Term and are settling back into routines. 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.

Topics

After the successful introduction of cross-curricular topics during the Autumn term, we look forward to the new themes and opportunities to share the children's learning with you. Y3 are starting with a mini topic on the Anglo Saxons to complement the Swords and Sandals topic and then will continue with 'Tails and Toes'. Year 4 have been immersed in the world of Roald Dahl as a two-week mini topic and will then move on to 'Wicked Weather and Wizards'.

Physical Education

The Lower Junior PE timetables are as follows:

Class	Indoor	Outdoor
3JA	Wednesday	Thursday
3CP	Tuesday	Wednesday
4EC	Monday	Wednesday
4GC/LC	Monday	Thursday

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 break times difficult as children are expected to be outside playing.

Homework

We are pleased the children are enjoying their new style homework. However, we have noticed that some children have not been completing their tasks and would ask that you support your child in this valuable consolidation of learning. May we remind you that all children should be presenting their work neatly, paying attention to spelling and punctuation. Copying text from the Internet is not valuable and we have found that some children are unable to read or understand what they have written. If research is required, then use a child friendly site and work with your child to read the information and encourage them to write it in their own words. May we remind you that verbal feedback is given to the children when they present their work to the class and housepoints are awarded accordingly.

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 your child questions based on the text.

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.

Production

We are looking forward to our Lower Junior production 'Wiz Wham Alakazam', which will be performed on 25th and 26th March at 7pm. **Please note the change of dates.**

I wish you and your children a very happy and successful 2020 and look forward to seeing you around Wraysbury Primary School.

Kind regards

Mrs Jo Allen

Lower Key Stage 2 Leader