



# **WELCOME TO YEAR 4**

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Year 4. We are taking this opportunity at the beginning of the new school year to inform you about all aspects of school life in Years 4. We feel that if we all work together, your child will achieve the appropriate levels for their age and have a positive and fulfilling experience in Year 4 at Holywell Primary School.

Yours sincerely

The Year 4 Team

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## **YEAR 4 STAFF**



### **Staff**

- Mrs McLaughlin Phase Leader and Class Teacher of Mulberry Class (O.7)
- Mr Noorali Class Teacher of Mulberry Class
- Miss Sammy Class Teacher of Cedar Class
- Miss Agbaniyaka Class Teacher of Cedar Class
- Miss Clark Learning Support Assistant Mulberry Class
- Mrs Chapman Learning Support Assistant Cedar Class



### **Curriculum**

As is required by law, we follow the National Curriculum, which provides the children with the opportunity to fulfil their individual potentials.

The children will be given opportunities to work in mixed groups and also grouped according to ability for the Guided Reading, English and Maths sessions to help them achieve their Targets. This is to ensure that each child's needs are met.

Curriculum Information will be sent home on a Curriculum Outline. This will be emailed out to you each half term.



## **Attendance and Punctuality:**

Please ensure that your child is in the playground and lined up by 8.55 am. It is important that your child arrives on time, since our first lesson of the day will begin promptly at 9.00 a.m. If your child is absent from school, they must bring a note or parents must inform the teacher either in person or by telephone. Regular absences from school can affect your child's learning, since they will miss some vital work that has been planned. This will then mean that they will be working to 'catch up' when they return.

Children should line up at 8.55 am in the school playground (or in the hall on rainy mornings). The children are to be collected from their classroom doors and will remain in class until their name is called by the class teacher. Children who are not collected will be taken to the school office at 3:25. **Please inform the class teacher if your child will be collected by another adult.**

## **Clubs**

The school run a range of before and after school clubs. Letters for clubs go out at the start of a half term and places are allocated on a first come first serve basis.



## **Holidays**

Extended holidays are no longer permitted by law. Please make every effort to go away during the school holidays so that your child's schooling is not disrupted. Your child may be removed from the school roll if you do take an unauthorised absence.



## **Expectations**

In Years 3 and 4, we expect every child to work towards achieving their full potential. Work set will be matched to suit the varying abilities within the year group. Children are expected to try their best and behave appropriately in the classroom, the outdoor area and around the school, respecting both adults and other children.



## **Handwriting**

The school uses cursive script handwriting scheme.



## Home Reading/Homework

If on a reading scheme children will be given a reading scheme book to read. This will be changed twice per week. Books should be read twice and recorded in your child's reading record. Free Readers are allowed to change their reading books regularly. In addition to their reading we would be grateful if you could help your child to learn their spellings and times tables on a daily basis.

Children should fill their reading records in 7x per week and are expected to read to an adult on each of these occasions. Children are expected to read 20 minutes a day and for this to be recorded in their reading record which will be checked daily.

Children will be presented with a Reading bookmark which can be handed in with their Reading Record each week. If your child reads seven times per week then they will receive a sticker. Three stickers= a raffle ticket.

Throughout the year the children will be given a Maths, English and spelling homework on a Friday and it is due back to school on Tuesday. Children have an opportunity to attend a homework club on Monday break time. If the homework is not returned children will be required to attend detention on a Tuesday break time to complete the homework or reading that is missing. Homework is an opportunity for your child to share with you the learning that has been taking place that week.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

**For more information please see the school's Home Learning Policy.**



## Assessment

In Years 3 and 4 the children are continually assessed throughout the year. More thorough assessments will take place three times a year. We will share your child's progress with you on a termly basis at Parent's Evening.



## Uniform and P.E. Kit

It is school policy that all children wear uniform. This consists of white top, grey trousers or skirt/pinafore and the school jumper. We would encourage that your child wears black school shoes- not trainers. **Please ensure all items of clothing including shoes are labelled.** Children must not wear jewellery, however, studs are acceptable.

Physical Education (P.E.) is a compulsory part of the curriculum and important for the child's physical and social development. It is school policy that all children wear the correct P.E. kit in order to participate in P.E. activities safely. The kit consists of a white t-shirt, maroon shorts and plimsolls. Please would you ensure that your child brings their P.E. kit in every day as sometimes timetables can change so having a PE kit in school every day ensures children will not miss out on their PE learning. **Please ensure that all P.E. kit is permanently marked with your child's name and class on it.**



### **Dinner Money**

Dinner money is currently £12 a week (£2.40 a day- subject to change). We are now a cashless school so all payments for dinner money will be paid online.



### **Trips**

The children will be going on a school trip three times a year, information will be shared nearer the time. Again, as we are a cashless school, all payments for trips can be made online or at a PayPoint.

### **Parents Evening**

Parent evenings take place three times a year. Teachers will be available throughout the year to discuss your child's progress on an individual basis.

### **Festival of Learning**

Each half term children showcase their work where parents are invited to come to school. This also takes the form of Christmas Fete and Community Evenings, for which you will receive more information about on a later date. Parents/Carers.

### **Assemblies**

Each class in the school takes part in a class assembly on a weekly basis. The parents of the class completing the assembly will be informed of when their child's assembly will take place and the parents are invited to come along to support their children.



### **Thank you**

We thank you for your continued support in working together to help your child achieve their full potential. We look forward to a successful working partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs McLaughlin, Mr \_\_\_\_\_, Miss Sammy, Miss Agbaniyaka