

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back! I hope you and your child have had an enjoyable and restful Christmas. I hope you are all looking forward to a happy and productive term. This letter outlines my expectations of Oak Class this year. Through sharing information, I trust we will establish an effective partnership, working towards getting the very best from every child.

Our topic this term is **The Tudors**. This year is going to be very busy, I have high expectations of Oak class and it is important that children ask for help when required. To further help support the class, we have English interventions on Tuesday and afternoons and maths on Thursday afternoons.

Homework is set weekly to recap what has been learnt during the week and to check for learning. Sometimes homework might be research based where children gather information and bring it into lessons the following week. This is known as flipped learning. It is really important that homework is completed and handed in on time. There is no excuse for not having a go at the homework and if your child has any difficulties or concerns with any aspect of the homework, then they should come and ask for me for help as soon as possible. Any late or incomplete homework will result in the children completing this work during break times.

It is also important that students log onto *Timetables Rockstars* weekly as part of their homework. This is checked weekly to see who has logged in and completed tasks.

#### Year 6 Residential trip 2022

I am in the process of finding a suitable activity centre for us to attend this year and details will be sent out within due course.

#### P.E KIT

This should be worn on the day P.E takes place which is every Friday afternoon for Oak Class. This should comprise of a black school logo P.E top, black shorts, trainers for outdoor P.E.

Long hair must be tied back for P.E sessions.

N.B due to ECC regulations earrings and watches must be removed for P.E. No Jewellery on P.E days please.

#### UNIFORM

We expect each child to be dressed in the correct school uniform. If a problem arises and uniform is not available please let me know.

**Jewellery**, other than a watch or gold removable studs, is not acceptable: this includes rubber wrist bands, even if they do represent a charity. Make up (including nail varnish) should not be worn to school. Hair should be tidy and practical for school: long hair should be tied back.

### SNACKS

Children can bring in a fruit or vegetable snack for break time. Chocolate, sweets and chewing gum are NOT allowed in school.

### WATER

The children's drinking bottles will be accessible during the day and should contain water only please.

### EQUIPMENT

All children should have with them each day

- Their reading book and record
- In class 5/6 we expect the children to be responsible for changing their own reading books and keeping their own reading records updated.

SATS These will take place Monday 9th May 2022 - Thursday 12th May 2022. Please do not book any holidays during this time. It will not be authorised.

### Expectations and behaviour

Our core Christian values:

FRIENDSHIP, RESPECT, LOVE, FORGIVENESS and COURAGE

As a school we have been focusing very hard on improving behaviour in the school. This is a two-fold approach, setting routines, consistency, attitude to learning and improving behaviour towards each other and the school environment. As a reminder, in order to uphold positive behaviour in the classroom, it is important that students follow a daily routine which includes the following:

**Ready to learn:** Arrive on time, coats and bags on allocated hooks in cloak room area, pack lunch boxes/snacks placed on trolley in corridor, then take seats ready to start early morning activity.

**Respectful:** Listen to the teacher/HLTA at all times. Always put hand up before speaking. Listen to others when they are asking or answering questions.

It is important that students understand that the emphasis is always on positive behaviour and attitude (*doing the right thing*). Poor behaviour is not acceptable. Appropriate sanctions will be used and can be found in the school's behaviour policy on the school website. Students may have found that the work load is increasing as we enter into this term. We are following a full timetable curriculum which means there is a lot of work to cover.

If you would like to have a chat about your child's progress or personal development, please let me know.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Lewis - Class Teacher (Oak Class)