




YEAR 4 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: AUTUMN TERM 2017

Friday 8th September 2017

WELCOME TO YEAR 4!

It is great to see that all the children have settled into their new class routines and are enjoying learning. We hope that your child is looking forward to a rewarding and successful year. Year 4 is full of exciting themes, trips and even an opportunity to take part in a residential! We would like to share with you some information about what your child will be learning over the Autumn Term, as well as offering you opportunities to support your child's understanding of subjects studied. This newsletter will also help you to plan ahead by giving you key dates before they are printed in the Purple Post, such as class assemblies and trips.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS	<p>We expect a high standard of behaviour from all children which is monitored by all staff in the academy. The Behaviour Policy (which can be found on our website) explains the academy rules, rewards and sanctions in detail.</p> <p>Every week we have a celebration assembly where achievements are shared and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week and House Points certificates).</p> <p>Unacceptable behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, will be dealt with firmly but fairly according to the academy's Behaviour Policy. You will be informed of any major incidences, or if your child's behaviour results in two or more detentions within a period of two weeks.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NUMBER PARTNERS</p> <p>In Year 4 'Number Partners' volunteers play maths games with some of our children for half an hour a week. As well as having lots of fun, this is a fantastic opportunity for our children to apply their basic facts, such as times tables, in different ways. We look forward to welcoming the volunteers to Year 4 again this year.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">START OF DAY ACTIVITY</p> <p>This term we are having a whole-academy focus on handwriting. We have decided to dedicate SODA time (between 8:45 and 8:55am) to handwriting. Therefore, during this time your child will have the opportunity to practise and improve their handwriting.</p> 
	<p style="text-align: center;">UNIFORM</p> <p>Uniform is the same for Years 4-6. All pupils must wear correct uniform, including acceptable footwear. A letter will be sent home with pupils who have missing or incorrect uniform.</p> <p>Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website for further information, including PE kit. If you require academy uniform, all items can be purchased from the academy office.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARRIVE ON TIME</p> <p>For the first 15 minutes of every day (after registration) the focus will be handwriting exercises and skills. If your child arrives late they will miss this vital part of the school day. Therefore, it is important that your child arrives on time (by 8:55am) every day.</p> 	

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">YEAR 4 CURRICULUM</p>	<p>Please see the sheets attached to this newsletter for more information about the themes in Year 4 this term.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">PHYSICAL EDUCATION</p> <p>Our PE days this term are Tuesday and Thursday. PE is part of our academy curriculum and we expect all children to bring a full PE kit to school so that they can take part in their indoor and outdoor PE sessions. PE kit can be left on your child's peg in their classroom.</p> <p>All jewellery must be removed. Earrings need to be removed on the day of PE or the child must be able to remove these themselves before the lesson. Teachers and Teaching Assistants are not allowed to help children remove their earrings. If your child has recently had their ears pierced they will have to bring micropore tape to cover their earrings until they can take them out.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">HOMEWORK</p> <p>Queensmead Quests will continue to be given out once per half term. The aim is to provide a range of challenges for your child to choose from. We would be grateful if you can support and encourage them. If your child experiences any difficulties with the homework, we encourage them to come and see their class teacher for more support.</p> <p>In addition, we expect children to be reading for at least 10 minutes daily. It would be really beneficial if you could listen to your child read and discuss their book regularly to support their understanding.</p>
	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">TRIPS</p> <p>A letter will be sent out with information about our Year 4 trip soon.</p>		
<p>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</p> <p>Please see below for the date of your child's Class Assembly – we hope you can make it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dick King Smith Class Assembly on Wednesday 29th November 2017 • Chris Van Allsburg Class Assembly on Wednesday 15th November 2017 <p>NOTE: All class assemblies start at 2:55pm and finish at approximately 3:15pm.</p>		<p>If you have any problem or concern – who do you ask?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Teachers – Mr Morrish (Dick King Smith) or Miss Dugdale (Chris Van Allsburg) • Deputy Principal – Mrs Catlow • Principal – Mrs Latham <p>Thanks on behalf of the Year 4 team.</p>	