WELCOME TO YEAR 4

MISS DAVIDSON (4D) AND MRS JONES AND MISS GREEN (4JG)

MRS TOWNEND AND MRS KOUFOPOULOU

COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF

• In person:

- A member of staff will always be near the classroom door in the morning please let us know if you have any urgent messages.
- At the end of each day, we will usually be on the playground, so please feel free to talk to us then.

• Written:

• Homework diary or email to admin address.

Any issues:

- 1. Class teacher
- 2. Lower KS2 Leader Stuart Lee
- 3. Deputy Head Duncan Holland
- 4. Head Hazel West

OPENING HOURS OF GATES

- 8.30am opening in morning. Children should not be on premises before then unless at a club or Beehive.
- 8.40-8.50am doors to classrooms open ready for children to arrive.
- If urgent please talk to us at this point but be aware that we are supervising children beginning their school day.
- Home time arrangements.

SMART UNIFORM

- Hair tied back (boys & girls)
- Discreet hair band / hair ties
- ❖ Black shoes
- Cotton shirts and Polo shirts
- No nail varnish, writing on hands or transfers
- Discreet stud earrings
- No other jewellery (watches & Fitbits allowed no beeping please and taken off for PE)

CHILDREN WILL NEED ...

- An old T-shirt or adult shirt for art work
- PE kit ... trainers are preferable; track suit is optional for outdoor games in the winter. Surgical tape if earrings can't be removed. Long hair (boys & girls) to be tied back
- Sun hat in the summer would be welcome
- Water bottle
- Pencil case with coloured pencils To be stored in their bags for occasional use (optional)
- Break-time healthy snack fruit/veg/water (optional)
- Headphones
- Coats

YEAR 4 CURRICULUM

- English focus on spelling, punctuation & grammar.
 - Spelling words are much harder e.g. occasionally, accidentally, possession Tests (not weekly) to be sent home. Currently testing children!
 - Spelling is assessed as part of writing in Year 4.
 - Handwriting Needs to be joined up.
- $\stackrel{\clubsuit}{\longrightarrow}$ Maths focus on times tables (up to 12 x 12 inc division) & mental maths.
 - Government test at the end of Year 4. Keyboard skills helpful. There is a practice example on Purple Mash
 - Step Counting
 - Little, often & fun (songs, You Tube, Hit the Button, reciting etc.)
- topics covered this year (see curriculum booklet):
 - Romans, Anglo Saxons and Vikings
 - Christianity & Judaism
 - tudy of Rome, settlements, field work (Ufton Nervet) & Sustainability

HOMEWORK

English

- Doodle English
- Occasional topic homework set Friday (usually on Teams) due in on Wednesday.
- Reading 5 times a week (10 mins). Read with an adult at least once a week (signed off in diary)
- Bring in reading book every day

Spellings

- Spelling homework grids.
- •/ Set Thursday, due in Tuesday.
- Half-termly tests
- √ 3 large spelling tests

Maths

- Practise times tables for weekly test
 (Wednesday) Results given by Friday.
- Telling the time & measuring.
- Doodle Maths and Tables

	Doodle Maths (mins)	(mins)	English (mins)		Reading (mins)
Y4	25	20	25	10	50

Doodle will be checked on Wednesdays

HOMEWORK / READING DIARIES

- House point each week for keeping up-to-date with dates & reading and signed by parent/guardian every Sunday evening, including read to adult session.
- House point each week for setting up their diary each week children to do this.
- Merit at the end of each term if achieved every week.
- Useful for 2-way information. <u>Please make sure you tell your child if you have put a</u> note in the diary.
- Children to hand in every Monday to gain house points.
- Children write name of book (author too would be good) and then just write page number each night – no need to repeat name of book. Comments on child's reading welcomed.

READING

- Reading & vocabulary are bedrock to understanding all of the curriculum.
- Please read regularly <u>with</u> and <u>to</u> your child. If a free-reader, please encourage them to read a range of genres and mixture of fiction & non-fiction.
- Discuss book and ask questions please limited time to do this in school.
- Reading scheme books changed when required. Re-read a book or read a book from home if they have finished.
- Reading scheme extended to include 'Dark Red' (early free readers). Now regular assessing children to move up levels. Feedback will be given.
- Library re-opening soon. Our day will be Tuesday.

OPARENT HELPERS

- Help is always appreciated
- Any skills/help you can provide (please let your class teacher know).
- Afternoons please
- Individual reading (end of any day).
- Plus One (basic maths skills).
- Art & DT topic work.
- Decoration Day Friday 1st December.
- DBS and signed 'Volunteer Form' required if helping in school on a regular basis.
- Sign up sheet by the exit! Please put afternoons that you're available.

USEFUL DATES!

- Roman Day Tuesday 17th October.
 - costume
 - shield
- Parents' evenings:

4JG/4D In person – Mon 2nd Oct – Weds 4th Oct 3.40pm-5.50pm

4JG/ 4D online – Mon 9th Oct 3.40pm-5.50pm

4JG online Weds 11th Oct 3.40pm-5.50pm

- Wellington College Autumn Celebration 2nd November
- Ufton Court:
 - Parents' drop-in session TBC
 - 17th April 19th April 2024
 - Show & Tell' evening afterwards TBC

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

PLEASE EMAIL QUESTIONS TO <u>ADMIN@OAKLANDS-JUN.WOKINGHAM.SCH.UK</u> OR WRITE A NOTE IN HOMEWORK DIARY.