



# Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to a new school year and welcome to Year 4.

I will be teaching the class full time with my PPA time being covered on a Tuesday afternoon. Our teaching assistant is Miss Pullinger. The music lessons this year will be playing the ukulele and each child is loaned an instrument through the music service. More details will be sent out soon.

PE times will vary across the year as specialist sports coaches are timetabled throughout the school in blocks; therefore, PE kit should be kept in school all week. Your child will need trainers, plimsolls, joggers and shorts in school colours, a Woodstone PE T-shirt and a warm top during the winter (school fleeces/jumpers may be worn). Please do not allow your child to wear any jewellery to school except ear-rings (which must be small studs only) and watches. These must be removed for PE lessons. Nail varnish and large headbands / bows are not allowed and pupils must wear black shoes. Please make sure your child has a coat in school as the weather turns colder or if it forecasts rain.

As part of the homework policy your child needs to read at least 5 times a week (for a minimum of 10 minutes) at home, preferably to an adult; it is advisable that children read a wide range of non-fiction, quality fiction and whole stories. Please make sure the reading diaries are signed as this is how we monitor that reading is happening at home. The diary is an important record of reading in school so it needs to be looked after carefully; please do not allow your child to write on the cover and try to keep the contents neat. If your child encounters a word they do not understand, encourage them to look up the meaning in a dictionary and make a note of the word/meaning in their reading diary.

Other homework will include a weekly piece of maths – this may be online through Abacus or Purple Mash. Homework is set on a Tuesday and is due in / expected to be completed by the following Monday. Please look after the yellow homework book and ensure it is in school on a Tuesday to take a note of the current week's task.

Please be aware that Year 4 pupils are expected to know all their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year and there is now a government statutory assessment on times tables at the end of Year 4. Children will also be set one piece of longer "My Choice" homework per topic. Spellings are practised in class but Year 4 pupils are also expected to know how to spell all the words on the Year 3 / 4 spelling list by the end of the year; these can be found within the reading diary along with other useful learning tools. Please keep learning these words at home.

Please send a named water bottle, with a sports cap, for drinks during the day which should be filled with plain water only and refilled at home each morning. Pencil cases are not allowed and all necessary stationery will be provided. Please do not let your child bring in any toys, teddies, phones etc. as it invariably causes problems. The cloakroom is very cramped and short of space so drawstring PE bags are required.



Please send a healthy snack for playtime or money for the school tuck shop. Please note that crisps, sweets and chocolate bars are not allowed at lunchtime.

Golden Time and the creative curriculum will continue with inspiration days, trips and invitations to view work / end products for the topic. The curriculum map for our first topic “I am Warrior” can be found on the school website on the curriculum news tab under Curriculum Overviews. Our second topic will be “Burps, bottoms and bile”.

I hope your child has a happy and successful year and I look forward to working with your support. If there is anything you need to know please do not hesitate to ask. I am available every morning at the door of Year 4 at 8:45 if you need to quickly mention anything pertinent to the day. If you have concerns that require a longer chat, please make an appointment. We will also be having a “Meet the Teacher” meeting next Tuesday 3rd September at 3:15pm so it would be lovely to meet as many of you as possible at that meeting.

Mrs Kennedy  
Class Teacher

Abacus login – [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

Name: First name with a capital letter

Password: year4

School code: bmcv

