



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Growing together, Learning forever

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was a wonderful summer spent doing lots of happy things together in the 'current normal'. I also hope that the children are excited about beginning their first term in Year 5; I know that I'm looking forward to teaching them. I'm sure that we'll all have a brilliant year and make lots of progress as the new 'Team 5'!

Over the next two half terms we will be basing our studies on the Imaginative Learning Projects (ILPs) "**Time Traveller**" and "**Star Gazers**"; you can find a detailed map of the subjects we will be covering on our school website on the Year 5 class page in 'Curriculum Overviews'.

As Mr Mullins has already asked, we would like all the children to have bags that will fit into their drawer to avoid accumulation of large items in the class. These should contain hand sanitiser, a piece of fruit for break time, their reading book and diary and their homework book (when appropriate).

PE will be on Monday and Friday afternoons. PE kit must be taken home and washed at the end of each week but please ensure they have their full PE kit with them when they return to school on Mondays. This PE kit is an essential part of their uniform as it allows movement to be easier and more comfortable and is also designed to ensure health and safety guidelines are adhered to at all times. Please check regularly that their kit fits (especially footwear) and includes:

Outdoor: trainers suitable for playground and field, blue or black tracksuit bottoms, blue or white t-shirt, sweatshirt.

Indoor: pumps, a blue or white t-shirt and blue shorts.

Jewellery, including earrings, must not be worn in any PE or swimming lessons and if possible should be removed before the children come to school. Long hair must be tied up.

At the moment, we will not be giving the children any formal homework. However, as you know, regularly practising times tables, and reading and discussing the content of books are essential for helping to build and develop children's essential skills. To help support the reading work we will be doing in school, we would still like you to hear your child read at least 3 times per week, whatever their ability. Please then sign and date their reading diary, making a note of anything you think I should be aware of to help them further. As the children settle in class, we may ask you to read more regularly with them. For every 'home read' the children miss, they will have to complete 10 minutes of reading in Golden Time. ILP homework will return later too.



As a Healthy School, we encourage the children to drink water throughout the day and so ask that you ensure your child brings a named bottle of water with them every day; school has a fresh water fountain so they can top it up as necessary. As the tuck shop is closed for the foreseeable future, please ensure that your child has a piece of fruit or other healthy option to eat at break time.

Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Hickin, Mrs Hooton and Mrs Edwards will be working with me in class to help support and enhance the children's learning, and Mrs Louca will be our lunchtime supervisor.

As many of you know, I consider myself, the children, the adults in class and you as 'quintessential parts of a team' and am sure that as we work together all the children will continue to build on the progress they made last year so they can achieve their full potential across and beyond the curriculum.

Regards,

Susie Williams
Year 5 Teacher

