

10th September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to year 5 everyone! I hope that you've had a wonderful summer!

Year 5 team

This year, once again we have the same teaching team as last year, with some organisational changes. Mr Pleasance is now in the role of School Improvement Lead for Y5 & 6 and he will be teaching across both of these classes, doing some whole class teaching and leading on interventions. I am the main class teacher in Y5, joined by Clare Russell, Natalie Gibson and of course Mr P!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday dressed in PE kit	Thursday	Friday
Literacy Mrs Overney	Literacy Mrs Overney	Literacy Mrs Overney	Literacy Mrs Overney	Literacy Mr Pleasance
Break time 10.30 to 10.45				
Numeracy Mrs Overney	Numeracy Mrs Overney	Numeracy Mrs Overney	Numeracy Mrs Overney	Numeracy Ms Russell
Lunch time 12.15 to 1.15				
Spanish/DT Mrs Overney	Humanities Mr Pleasance	PE Miss Gibson	Science Ms Russell	Art/ Music Ms Russell

School start and finish times:

I'm pleased to say that this year there are no bubbles and the gates are open in the morning at **8.40am** for all children. Registration starts at **8.50am**.

The **school day ends at 3.15pm**. Children will be dismissed onto the top playground. Please email me consent if you would like your child to leave the premises unaccompanied.

For any changes in pick arrangements **on the day**, please contact the office as we may not access our emails before 3.15.

Bringing things into school:

Please ensure that everything your child brings into school is clearly labelled and please can we ask for children not to bring in toys/extra items unless this has been arranged with the teaching team.

Pencil cases & stationery: This year please can you provide your child with a pencil case, including, as a minimum, a blue or black writing pen, a pencil, a rubber, a glue stick and a pencil sharpener. Please try to avoid oversized pencil cases as they take up a lot of space on the table, and also we'd prefer the case to be as plain as possible (no flashing lights or accessories that distract, please!)

Waterproof coat & water bottle: Both of these should be in school every day please. We no longer have drinking fountains around the school and can only offer a plastic beaker in class as an alternative to a bottle. (No squash, please).

Y5 PE: This is on Wednesday. We are asking children to come into school already in PE kit, with either their uniform or a spare PE kit in their PE bag just in case they need to change.

Home Support:

Reading at home: Please aim to share a book with your child at least five times per week. We are returning to the old 'Contact Diaries', so please can you sign when you have read with your child. Contact diaries and Reading books should come into school daily, please.

Maths Home Learning: For the first few weeks we will start with a review of times tables (surprise!) to get us all back into routine. Once I have assessed the children I will update you on where we will go from there. Until then, please practice tables for 5/10 mins daily using the usual "Hit the button". If you prefer worksheets, let me know.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Face-to-face Welcome Meeting for parents: for Y5, our meeting will be in class 5 on Monday 20th September from 2.30-3.15pm. In the meeting we will fill you in on more details pertaining to routines, learning and the whole school year (inc. trips), and this will also give you a chance to ask any questions & see the room!

Y5 Team Contact Information: if you need to contact us, please email us on: n.overney@alumnismat.org or o.pleasance@alumnismat.org. We will endeavor to respond to your emails ASAP between Monday and Friday. For any administration questions, especially questions linked to school lunches or the school payment system, please contact the office directly.

Here's looking forward to a wonderful year together!

Mrs Overney, Mr Pleasance and the Y4 team