



# St George's Primary School

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## Year 4 Newsletter

Dear Families

I am delighted to be able to welcome you all back into our school community. As a reminder, my name is Mrs Chambers; I am the Assistant Head for years 3 and 4, I am so looking forward to seeing you all and working together over the next chapter of your child's education.

Firstly, can I just let you know how amazing your children have been during this first week! They have been so resilient and positive and have adapted to Year 4 and the expectations seamlessly. It has been an absolute pleasure to see them reunited with their friends and classmates and settle so quickly into learning. The team and I would like to thank you all for the huge part that you have played in making the start of this term so successful.

The class teachers in Year 4 this year are:

- 4A – Mrs Palmi
- 4B – Mrs Saunders
- 4C – Miss Hughes
- 4D – Miss Berry
- 4E - Miss Mulheirn

### Our weekly timetable

Day	Event	PE
Monday		<b>4A/4B/4C/4D</b>
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Homework completed on Google classroom.	
Thursday		<b>4E</b>
Friday	Homework set.	

### PE

Each class will have PE on a specific day – please see the table above. Children should come in on their PE day wearing PE kits. Please ensure that children do wear the correct PE kit which is black/navy shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, pumps or trainers and a black/navy long sleeved jumper or hoody.

### Drinks and Snacks

Children should bring a water bottle in every day and a piece of fruit or vegetable for their snack.

## Autumn Learning

We are starting the year by exploring the classic text Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. Within geography, this term, they will be learning about Europe and comparing and contrasting regions. In art and design the children will be focusing on the artist Andy Warhol. In science the children are learning about human nutrition and the digestive system as well as how to have healthy teeth. They will be learning about how to stay safe online during their PHSE lessons this term.

## Homework

Children can change their reading books daily. In Year 4 we expect children to read at least 4 times a week at home. This reading should be recorded in their yellow reading diaries. We recommend that reading becomes part of your child's routine and they aim to read for 10 minutes every day. If you would like to read extra books at home you can access lots of books online at [www.myon.co.uk](http://www.myon.co.uk).

We shall be launching our online homework platform 'Google Classroom' very soon. Homework activities will be posted on this weekly for the children to complete. We will practice this in school before we send any homework home.

The children will be given weekly spellings. They will practice writing these and complete activities given in an exercise book that will stay at home. These can be returned at the end of each half term or you can post a picture of their spelling work to your child's Google classroom account.

## Reading

In Year 4 (as in Year 3) we follow Accelerated Reader for our daily reading. During the next two weeks, the teachers will be reading with every child to assess their reading levels and ensure that they are placed at the correct level. The children will then be allocated appropriate levelled books. More information will follow on this in coming weeks.

Over the summer, we have had many donations of books from our Amazon wish list. Some of these books will be used in the coming weeks as a discussion point for our PSHE lessons. You can still purchase a book for school from the wish list here:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/36GPP2536XSTA?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/36GPP2536XSTA?ref_=wl_share)

## RESPECT and Behaviour

During this half term, the children will be learning about the word **RESILIENCE** and what this means to them. They will be thinking about how they can use resilience to overcome difficulties and to help them to progress academically and socially. During the first week back at school, the children created class charters in which they discuss their own roles and responsibilities about their behaviour and conduct in school. It has been a very positive way to start the school year with the children keen to follow their charters and stay in the positive behaviour zones. The children will continue to be rewarded for outstanding behaviour with Blue and Gold stickers!

We also choose specific 'learning heroes' who show us the behaviours and character education we are focusing on each half term – our learning hero for this half term is our very own governor and parent Pete Dunning. We have already started to learn about his life and achievements and have enjoyed discussing how he shows resilience and perseverance. We are hoping to have a Q and A session with him later in the half term and see his Invictus medal.

The teachers and I are very much looking forward to getting to know you and your children as the year progresses. We will be updating the school website regularly so please remember to look on the year 4 pages for further information. If you have any questions or concerns, then please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. I aim to be available at the school gate on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning but if you do need to contact me at all please do so through the school office:

[schooloffice@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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