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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you have had a wonderful break. Thank you so much for your generous cards and presents at the end of the year. We are very much looking forward to teaching the children and sharing our engaging new curriculum. Miss Heath and the children are excited to welcome Mrs Scott back to the classroom! Like last year, Mrs Scott will teach on a Monday and Tuesday, and Miss Heath on a Thursday and Friday; they will alternate Wednesdays. Mrs Lindsey will work with our class on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and Mrs Akers and the sports coaches will cover PPA on a Wednesday afternoon.

Doors will open in the morning at 8.30am and the register will be taken at 8.45am. Break time will begin at 10.30am and lunch at 12.15pm. The school day will finish at 3.15pm. If your child wishes to purchase a piece of toast/bagel and/ or a fruit juice drink for a snack at morning break, this can be paid for via your Parent Pay account. School dinners are still ordered at morning registration, or children may choose to bring a healthy snack and/or packed lunch if they prefer.

P.E. will be taught on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Children should wear **school P.E. kit** on these days. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and that earrings and jewellery, including watches, are removed. This needs to be done by the child themselves as members of staff can not remove a child's earrings.

Our expectations of homework have changed slightly this year. On a Friday, the children will be set a piece of Athletics homework to complete online. This will begin on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September for Key Stage 2. Following conversations with all parents last year, we understand that all children now have access to a laptop and the internet. Please advise us immediately if this is not the case, so that we may support your child in completing their homework. Your child will sit the national times table test this year, so practising through the weekly competitions on Times Table Rock Stars is very important. There will also be two timetabled slots for Maths Passport testing per week, so please practise with your child and let us know when they're ready to be tested. Children who struggle to complete the above homework tasks will be given the opportunity to do so on the last afternoon of each half term.

In addition, the children are expected to read at least 3 times a week. Raffle tickets will be issued to those who do so with a termly draw for prizes. Children who don't read three times or more at home will read during a Friday break time in our Hub space. The 10 Book Challenge has begun again within our class, through which the children read and review ten books during the year.

Please may we remind you that due to the size of our cloakroom we ask that children do not bring rucksacks into school. With the cold weather coming the children will be wearing thicker coats and the cloakroom soon becomes full to bursting with coats and bags ending up scattered on the floor. As you can imagine this poses many problems including being a trip and fire hazard. Book bags are a perfect size as they can easily fit within the children's drawers.

Every single member of the class achieved well last year, so we are delighted to be teaching them again in Year 4. We have a great curriculum planned that is designed to engage the children and encourage them to fulfil their potential. As always, we value parental support, so please do speak to us about anything your need to. There will be an opportunity to come into the classroom to meet us, find out more about our daily routines on Monday 19th September at 3:30pm or 4:00pm. More information will be sent out about this shortly. Finally, if you are able to spare any time at all to come into school and read with our children, please let us know - it would be greatly appreciated!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Scott and Miss Heath