

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new Class 5! I hope you have all enjoyed time with your children over the last six weeks! I am very excited to be teaching in Class 5 again this year. However, it is not just me, Class 5 wouldn't stay afloat without the fantastic Mrs Sarker and Mrs Wilmore. I am over the moon to be working with them both this year as we make a fabulous team. We are all here to support your children throughout the year and please don't hesitate to get in touch at any point with us if there are any questions or concerns.

Learning at home

Spellings will be stuck into the children's diary every Friday (starting this Friday 5th September) so the children can practise at home before they are tested the following Friday (starting on the 12th September). Children will also be tested on their times tables, they will also be stuck into their diary every Friday (starting on the 5th September) and their first test will be the 12th September. We also have Times Tables Rockstars, which is the best resource for your child to learn their times tables, so please use that to practise. The children's log in details are in their reading record book on the front page.

Reading

Pupils will have at least two opportunities a week to read with a member of staff. This will take place during 'Guided Reading' and throughout other sessions. Reading is a very important part of your child's development in all areas. Due to this, each child is expected to read for at least 5-10 minutes per day as part of their homework. If your child does home reading in the evenings, I would really appreciate it if you or the child could write in their diary to show that they have read and can receive team points daily for this.

Reading books can be changed every <u>day</u>, your child will need to give their book to Mrs Sarker when it needs changing, pupils will then be able to select their next book to read and exchange it. Your child will have a banded reading book or a free choice book (if they have completed the scheme) and a library book of their choice to read throughout the week. Please note children are not required to change them every week. However, they will need to be returned before your child receives a new one.

Refreshments/snack

Your child is allowed to bring a healthy snack to school for morning break time each day. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school as soon as possible and the children will make sure it is washed and filled up each day. Water bottles will be sent home each half term for a more thorough clean.

PE/Outdoor learning.

Pupils take part in PE twice per week. Please ensure PE kits are in school ASAP and they will be kept in school for this whole half term. This includes suitable PE pumps, trainers, plain black jogging bottoms, shorts and a white t-shirt/polo-shirt. No branded logos on PE kits please. For forest school sessions please make sure your children have appropriate warm and waterproof outdoor clothing such as pants, boots, extra layers in the winter and a coat for each session. These sessions will be every 3 weeks. I will always notify you via a message on School Spider prior to the session.

Uniform

As you already know we have a very high standard of uniform at St Peter's, so please ensure your child wears the correct uniform every day. The uniform policy can be found on the website. Besides this, they should always bring their reading book and reading record to school each day. If your child is in Year 6, they are allowed to bring a backpack to school each day instead of their book bag.

Communication

We now send most of our letters home by email so please check for these regularly. However, some letters and notes in reading records may be sent home in book bags so please also check these daily. It is also very important that you keep updated with Mrs Sullivan's weekly newsletters.

If you do have any messages for me during the school day, please do go through the office as I don't always have chance to see my emails when teaching throughout the school day.

I am looking forward to meeting you all on the meet the teacher day on Thursday 18th September. Please join us in the hall from 1:45pm for a coffee and a cake, then make your way down to Class 5 to meet your child and see what we have been up to so far in Class. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, I am looking forwards to working alongside you and your child over the coming year.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Mussell ©