

Stanbridge Lower School



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Dear Parents or Guardians,

I would like to welcome your child to Year 4. Our topics during this year will include an Ancient Egypt topic, Comparing the UK to other regions in Europe and South America (a Geography project), Sound and Electricity and The Home Front (World War 2). We will also be covering a whole school 'Christmas' topic near the end of the Autumn term. This year's Christmas production will be performed by Years 2, 3 and 4. Children in Pre-school, Reception and Year 1 will be taking part in a Nativity play.

Our P.E lessons will be on Mondays and Tuesdays, and all children will need a PE kit consisting of a t-shirt, shorts and trainers. Also year 3 and 4 children will be taking swimming lessons on a Wednesday afternoon for ten weeks starting on 11th September. If children do not have suitable kit, they may not join in with certain activities. We would also request that earrings and any other jewellery be removed on PE and swimming days. Again, if this does not happen, and your child cannot remove them themselves, they may not be able to take part.

In our English lessons spelling homework will be set each Friday, and the spelling dictation will be the Friday of the next week. Home reading books will also be sent home during the week when your child is heard reading in class.

In Maths, homework will be set on a Friday as regularly as possible, some of which will be worksheet based, and we hope to reintroduce 'MyMaths' online homework as soon as possible.

During the Autumn term the children will also be learning 10 new songs with the SingOutPlayOut project with Lindsay Monteath from 'Inspiring Music' on a Tuesday morning from 11am and after Christmas they will be learning to play the Ukulele with Natasha Thompson on a Friday morning. Further information about the SingOutPlayOut concert will be available in the Summer term.

Also Year 4 pupils will be undertaking some 'Young Leader' Training later in the Autumn term, concluding with a P.E session where they will teach a game to children from year 1 and year 2.



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Letters will also be sent out very soon about our Residential trip to Grafham Water next May, then please make sure you are making regular payments to cover the cost. These will be recorded on a payment card which should have been given to you when the deposit is paid.

In Year 4 we have a Star Student award every week. This position is a reward for good behaviour, excellent work and a positive attitude. The 'Star Student' will be given a special wristband to take home to show parents that they have been given this award.

The children in year 4 have also been given a responsible job to carry out during this next term, including register monitors, helping with music for assemblies and handing out fruit to the younger children at break times.

If you could offer any help, specific skills or interests in our classroom please feel free to the contact the office with your details and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school. I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Wilkins
Year 4 and Senior teacher



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