



Thursday 14th September 2023

Year 5 Welcome Letter 2023-24

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a good summer break and are looking forward to the new academic year in Year 5. This certainly will be a very busy and rewarding year for all of the children.

The children should arrive at school for soft start between 8.45 and 8.55 a.m. We encourage the importance of punctuality and attendance as they prepare themselves for school life at secondary level. Please note that 8:55 is the latest that the children should be sat down at their desk by, and not the time that they should be walking through the top gates.

Parent information meeting

We would like to invite you to a Y5 parent information evening on **Thursday 21st September 2023 from 5.00 – 5:30 p.m.** in the Cairngorm Classroom (Mr Houghton's) whereby we will detail many of the expectations and events for the year ahead. Slides from this meeting will be saved in Google Classrooms for you to view.

In the meantime there are a couple of important bits of information that we wish to share with you today.

Uniform

The school is keen to ensure that **all** pupils develop good habits regarding school uniform. Please make sure your child attends school strictly wearing uniform as per our policy. As the children are getting older, and are beginning to sweat more, we also ask that uniforms are washed more regularly to help maintain good standards of personal hygiene. Deodorant is also encouraged for all Year 6 pupils.

Homework

Homework will be assigned on Google Classroom every Friday starting on Friday 15th September. This will include approximately 30 minutes of maths and 30 minutes of English which should be completed/uploaded by the morning of the following Wednesday. They will also be given a list of spellings that need to be learnt by the following Wednesday. We may also provide occasional Times Table Rock Stars and other challenges to complete.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read for 20 minutes at least each night. If possible, take time to read alongside them and discuss the texts – they are never too old. Developing the skills of inference and deciphering the meaning of words in context are very important towards the children meeting their targets in Year 6.

On completion of a book, every child should complete an Accelerated Reader quiz so that we can monitor their progression. The children have all been allocated usernames and passwords. Reminders of these will be made available on Google Classroom.

PE and Sport

The children will have two PE lessons a week - Monday and Wednesday. On those days, the children are required to come to school dressed in school uniform. They will get changed at the end of the morning for their PE lesson in the afternoon. Boys and girls will continue to get changed separately.

If your child is provided with a sports ambassador shirt, they can wear these for P.E and sporting clubs. On other days, sports ambassadors are asked to ensure they have their shirts in their bags so that – if called upon – they can carry out duties around the school. As with school uniforms, we politely request that PE kits are washed regularly and should not be left at school between the two PE days or at weekends.

We look forward to meeting you in the parent information evening on Thursday 21st September 2023. We are really looking forward to teaching your children in Year 6, and creating a very special learning experience that will be remembered forever.

In the meantime, please contact either of us via the school admin team and we will do our best to answer any queries of concerns.

Kind regards,

Ms Kelly and Mr Houghton