



*We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together*

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## **Class Information Letter – Year 5 2018**

Welcome to the new school year. We have enjoyed getting to know our Year 5 classes.

### **Behaviour and Rewards**

Our school uses the Hertfordshire Steps approach which supports a therapeutic ethos, early intervention and professional responses to complex, challenging or high-risk behaviours. We have developed three universal school rules which each class has spent time exploring and these are:

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be safe

In year 5 the reward system currently used is based around merit points given for good behaviours and good responses in class and around the school. Five merit points equals one merit, 20 merits will achieve a bronze certificate, 40 merits a silver and 60 merits a gold.

### **Curriculum**

Here is information relating to the Autumn Term curriculum. If you look on the school website you will see how this fits into the curriculum for the entire Key Stage. This may help you to plan interesting visits that match your child's syllabus.

**In RE** we shall continue to follow the liturgical year. This term, beginning with Ordinary Time, leads up to the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas. Our themes are CREATION and GOD'S COVENANT.

Each term you will also receive a termly RE Newsletter which will help you to support your child's learning and faith journey throughout the liturgical year.

**English** Greek traditional tales, the features of narrative writing particularly biography and poetry.

**Maths** Number and Place Value, Written and Mental Addition and Subtraction and Problem Solving. Algebra, Decimals, Percentages and Equivalent Fractions, Ratio and Proportion and Measurement.

**Science** Life cycles, Changes of materials, Forces and Earth and Space.

**Computing** Coding. Online safety and Spreadsheets.

**Topics** Ancient Greeks, Myths and Legends, Gods and Heroes and Culture,

### **Physical Education**

Throughout the whole school all PE kits consist of navy shorts and white round necked t-shirt (all KS2 pupils will be expected to also have a navy track suit and trainers).



Children will need their P.E. kit every Tuesday and Wednesday but it is advisable to leave the PE kit in school and only take home each half term.

## **Home Learning**

Home learning is set on Fridays to be returned no later than the following Wednesday. This will include Maths and another topic including English, Science or R.E. This is supplemented by regular reading and practising times tables. Additionally, spellings will be sent home on Friday to be tested the following Friday.

Children in KS2 are expected to bring their Reading Books to school each day. It is expected that pupils are reading of an evening, in order to improve their vocabulary, spelling and comprehension. We encourage parents to take an active role in reading with their child on a regular basis. They may bring their book, pencil case, snack and homework books in a small bag but please bear in mind the limited space in their personal locker which also stores PE kit and their outdoor wear.

## **General information:**

Our next parent Consultations will be on: **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018: 3.30pm – 7.30pm**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018: 3.30pm – 5.30pm**

The children will be attending Parish Mass regularly during the term.

Water Bottle: All children are encouraged to drink plenty of water during the day, therefore, please supply your child with a refillable sports top water bottle. This must ONLY contain water, NO juices.

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable every day. Children in other year groups may bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable for a morning snack if they wish.

Jewellery. NO jewellery should be worn in school including earrings. Those with pierced ears must remove the earrings during school hours. If you wish your child to have their ears pierced this should take place at the beginning of the summer holidays to ensure the ears are healed before returning in September.

Long hair must be tied back during school hours.

Plimsolls: all pupils must have a pair of well-fitted plimsolls in school. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named. Lost property is now in a blue box directly outside our main office area and is accessible at all times.

Thank you in anticipation for all of your support throughout the year. We look forward to working in close partnership with you over the course of this year.

## **The Year 5 team**

