



*"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**

Welcome back to school and thank you for ensuring your child was well prepared for the beginning of term, we were very pleased to see them all and they are all settling well into the new routines of Year 5.

The adults who will be working in Year 5 this year are Mrs Batty and Mrs Glover (Class teachers) and Mrs Copeland (Teaching assistant).

#### **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 pupil names are added to the 'thank you' board in recognition for their learning behaviour and positive interactions. We also celebrate two specific pupils each week,

#### **RE:**

In our topics we study the scripture (Bible passages), the teaching of the Catholic Church, how a follower of faith might worship or show their faith and how a follower will use the learning in their everyday life. Each topic is also linked to the values of the Kingdom of God.

CREATION – Understanding scripture, Awe and wonder of God's creation, humans are free to make our own decisions, but we need to accept that these make have consequences for ourselves and others, appreciate the web of life and care for our common home - Laudate si, Value of the Kingdom of God – Freedom.

GOD'S COVENANT - Knowing the covenants God has made with people of the Old Testament – Abraham, Noah & Moses. Values of the Kingdom of God – faith, hope, love.

Respect for celebrations and prayers of the Jewish and Hindu faiths.

Each week you will also receive a link to **The Wednesday Word** to which will help you to support your child's faith journey throughout the liturgical year.

We shall continue to follow the liturgical year, beginning with Ordinary Time, leading up to the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas.



**English:** In English we will be studying 2 texts in detail. Children will explore a range of themes and issues, develop creative responses, write in role and will be encouraged to write with confidence and real purpose. Weekly spellings are set as a quiz on Purple Mash.

### **Maths:**

We will be learning about:

Place value; negative numbers; multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000; Properties of number – multiples, factors and common factors, prime and composite numbers; solving problems; adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing using a range of strategies and methods; ordering, adding and comparing fractions.

**Physical Education** Class 5EG Wednesday - Outdoor games; Thursday - indoor PE gymnastics, Class 5TB – Monday – Outdoor games; Tuesday - Indoor PE gymnastics  
Pupils attend school in their PE kits and ensure they have a water bottle.

### **Home Learning**

Home learning tasks will be set using Purple Mash for spelling and other weekly tasks will be set which the children will bring home.

Each evening, we expect pupils to read at home for at least ten minutes. On Purple Mash there will be a spelling task, Pupils can use any other tasks in Purple Mash to develop their learning.

**Reading** continues to be an important focus in Year 5 and we are keen that the children read as much as possible, both out loud to an adult and silently to themselves. The Year 5 page on the school website has links to recommended reading books for our class. As your children progress with their reading, it becomes more important to question them about the text they are reading, the types of grammar and punctuation in the sentences and the authors choice of vocabulary. As far as possible, please ensure that your child reads at home every evening to develop both their reading and comprehension skills.

### **General information:**

**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. Many children also bring a snack to eat at morning break.

The only jewellery permitted in school is one small pair of ear studs (please remove for PE days). All long hair must be tied back during school hours.

**Indoor shoes:** all pupils must have a pair of well-fitted (indoor shoes) in school. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named.

### **PG Films**

From time to time, it is useful to show the children films or clips in relation to topics we are studying in class and as a stimulus for writing. Increasingly, many of the films most relevant to aspects of the KS2 curriculum are 'PG' rated rather than 'U' rated. We would therefore like to ask your permission to use PG rated films with the Year 5 children to enrich their curriculum. Films and extracts are always carefully chosen and have been watched by staff prior to their use with children. We will assume that if I don't hear otherwise this is acceptable to you but please do not hesitate to make contact if you would like to discuss this further.

### **Pick up procedures – keeping everyone safe**

Thank you for your continued compliance and patience for the safe arrival and leaving procedures at school. If you have not yet returned the end of the day permission slip, please do so.

### **Food items**

Please remember that it is school policy that pupils are not able to bring in sweets, cakes, biscuits or any other food items to share, marking the celebration of any event (e.g. birthdays). This is due to the complexities of allergies, dietary requirements and other aspects of personal choice.



### **Twitter (X)**

Please follow the school on Twitter (X) @svdp\_school or on our Pupil Posts (easily accessed through the school website), this is proving to be a great source of communication for our school.

### **Communication**

If you have any concerns at any point during the year, please do not hesitate in contacting the Office and they will forward on the message. Alternatively, make an appointment to speak with the class teacher at a mutual time. Please remember no problem is too small, anything that is important to you and your child is important to us too.

### **Parent Consultations**

Parent Consultations to be confirmed.

Thank you in anticipation for your support throughout the year. We look forward to working in close partnership with you to ensure your child is happy and progressing well in school.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs Batty*

*Mrs Glover*

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(Class teacher)

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