

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a super summer. It's been great to welcome all of the pupils back – they've settled in well. It's also been smashing to see many parents at hometime too! I'm really looking forward to seeing all that our class achieve over this busy, exciting academic year.

We will continue to be vigilant with hand washing and the use of gel as part of our daily routines in school, but now that the restrictions of 'bubbles' has been lifted, we look forward to return to some 'normality'. Hopefully, this also means we will be working more closely together and parents will once again be able to join us for a range of activities that we have planned throughout the year.

I'd like to take the opportunity to say 'Thank you!' in advance, for your anticipated support and involvement throughout the year ahead.

Kind regards, Mrs Kasner-Wood

Homework

Homework in Class 4, which will start from w/c 13.9.21, will be given out weekly and assigned via Seesaw*. Work can be completed in homework books which will be provided.

Additionally, pupils are able to access Lexia, Times Table Rockstars, Espresso and Fiction Express - please see homework books for log in reminders.

If you have any questions regarding the homework tasks, please don't hesitate to speak to me at the end of the school day or, better still, encourage your child to ask for support and we can go through homework tasks at breaktime.

Every Thursday, homework club will operate during WASCLS and pupils will have access to their tasks on the school laptops.

* Printed copies will be available on request.

Reading

We love reading and we continue to add modern, updated books to our class libraries as well as author sets too. We also have many brilliant class texts planned to read together which I know the class will really enjoy (including me!).

Pupils in Class 4 are encouraged to read 4-5 times a week at home for at least 20 minutes. Children will have two books allocated - one for home and one for school.

Home reading books can be changed at any time. Please sign the reading card if you hear your child read or whenever they have read independently. Once completed, the book can be quizzed at home on Accelerated Reader at

<https://ukhosted25.renlearn.co.uk/2235711/>

or in school when their book is returned. Books can stay at home until completed and ready to change. Every pupil has reading targets that are set according to their ability so they all should be able to achieve and be rewarded for their efforts at the end of term.

Opportunities will be given in school, whenever time allows, to encourage reading for pleasure and enjoyment as well as necessity.

P.E.

Timetabled P.E. sessions are: **Monday and Thursday**. Children will need to come to school on these days in their PE kits. PE kits consist of: **Plain or school logo white t-shirt; red shorts** (these can be worn under tracksuit bottoms if required); **plain black/blue/grey tracksuit bottoms, red jumper** for outdoors, **suitable trainers** for sports activities and **a warm rain/waterproof coat**. Please could all pupils bring **a spare pair of shoes** on PE days to change into (in case their trainers are muddy from the field). Swimming will commence in the second half of the term.

General Reminders

Birthday cakes: If you wish to send in cakes for the class as part of birthday celebrations, please could I ask that you continue to send in shop-bought cupcakes. This worked really well last year, both from a health and safety point of view and ease of sharing out by the children. Also, please check that they do not contain nuts.

Show and Tell: Every Wednesday, the children can bring in one item to talk about or upload a picture via Seesaw to see on the interactive whiteboard (rota for Show and Tell assemblies over page).

Bags: Pupils can now bring a small bag to school.

Water bottles: Please continue to bring filled water bottles each day. As we are a healthy school, we ask that only water should be put in water bottles.

Conkers: No conkers to be brought into school please due to children with severe nut allergies, including tree nuts.

Covid-19: If your child is displaying ANY Covid symptoms, we ask for you to keep them at home and book a PCR test. Please inform school each day if your child is going to be absent for any illness.

For any class-related queries, please don't hesitate to catch me at the end of the school day. If this is not suitable, please call me on 01388488350 after 3.30pm or e-mail me at b.kasner100@wittonlewear.net

For any office-related queries, please contact our school secretary, Mrs Thompson, on 01388488350 or e-mail wittonlewear@durhamlearning.net

Show and Tell – Wednesday

Choose your favourite item to show to the class.
Think of at least three things you would like to say about it.

W/C: 6.9.21

Betsy-Lea, John-George, Jack Ri.

W/C: 13.9.21

Hayden, Georgia-Lily, Phoebe

W/C: 20.9.21

Abigail, Jack Ry., Isobel, Declan-James

W/C: 27.9.21

Adam, Verity, Sophie, Lauren

W/C: 4.10.21

Jay, George, Ella, Daisy

W/C: 11.10.21

Ellie, Shylah, Noah, Davey

W/C: 18.10.21

Eden, Jonah, Evie, Frankie