



**ST. LEO'S AND SOUTHMEAD
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 5 children,

Welco me

to Year 5. I am really looking forward teaching your children this year. I hope you have managed to have an enjoyable summer and have spent some quality time with your child, despite the difficult circumstances. I understand that many of you will be feeling anxious about the children returning to school, but please let me reassure you that all of the necessary risk assessments and safety procedures have been implemented and the children's safety and well-being is our main priority. Here is some information about the coming year that will hopefully inform you of the important things you will need to be aware of. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or school, either via dojo, phone call or email, if you have any further questions. If you would like to speak about your child at any point at all during the year, please just telephone the school office to make an appointment with me, you do not have to wait until parents evening.

Mrs Snape - Year 5 Teacher

Attendance

As part of our 'Enjoy and Achieve' programme we celebrate attendance with rewards and prizes. There will be a class assembly and celebration at the end of each week with the children receiving certificates and the class with the best attendance at the end of the term wins a prize for the best attendance. The children (and staff) can get very competitive about attendance and we want to ensure that Year 5 is the class with the best attendance (again!) We strive at St. Leo's and Southmead for every child to be happy and that their voice is heard. Help and support is available within school if you feel there are any difficulties in your child attending regularly. It is so important that your child attends school every day unless they are sick. If your child is absent please contact the school between 8.30 and 9.30, if we have not had a message after this time you will receive a courtesy call from school.

Punctuality

Please can you help us by making sure that your child arrives to school on time (school starts at 8.55am), the children will be collected from the designated area on the infant playground by either myself or Mr Mass at 8.55. Lessons begin the minute your child sets foot into the classroom. Praise and certificates will be given for the children with the best punctuality. The children will also be dismissed from this area at 3.15.

Dates for your diary

Dates for the coming school year will be available soon, keep an eye on the weekly newsletter. In order to help you and give you as much notice as possible these are provided in news letters, welcome letters and on the school website.

Website

Please bear with us our class page is being updated and should be fully functioning soon. Year 5 have their own page on the website to provide you with an insight as to what your child is learning in class each week. What the children will be learning is on the page and photos, upcoming events and information on how to help your child at home will be updated shortly.

Water

It has been scientifically proven that children having constant access to water helps to improve their learning. Therefore please can you help us by providing your child with a water bottle that needs to be refilled at home every day. Please can you ensure that it is filled with plain, unflavoured water as juice and flavoured water can ruin children's books, carpets and children's teeth.

Bagels

As part of the healthy schools scheme the children have the opportunity to have a bagel for breakfast/snack each day, free of charge. If your child does not wish to have a bagel, they can bring in a healthy snack to have at break.

Money and messages

Please use parent pay to pay for school meals, as in line with COVID guidelines we need to be as contactless as possible in terms of money. Can you use dojo, email or telephone the school office on 477 8410 to pass messages on regarding your child as much as possible please? Many thanks.

Reading and Writing

Both Reading and Writing are important life skills. Reading and Writing skills are developed daily throughout the curriculum in Year five. Each child will be bringing a reading book home in their black book bags, in their homework books there will be a list of tasks for them to choose from associated with their reading book. The children can choose which task they would like to do and this will be returned every Wednesday.

Mathematics

Mathematics forms a life skill used daily. In Year five the children will be consolidating all of their tables 1 up to their 12 times tables, building upon what they did in Year 4. Children will use times tables rock stars to practise their tables. Please encourage your child to chant their times tables on a regular basis to enable them to recall them confidently. This will also be their weekly maths homework, if your child does not have their password for times tables rockstars could you please let me know and I will reissue them with one.

Uniform

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and **has their name in everything, including their coat**. Their school uniform is a reflection on the class, especially when we are out of school or when we have visitors into the classroom. Please ensure your child has a coat or rain jacket in school every day as the weather is very unpredictable and it enables the children to get some fresh air whatever the weather.

P.E.

P.E. is a compulsory lesson just like English and Mathematics, that your child must take part in. Your child's P.E. lessons are on a Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure your child wears their full PE kit (plain black shorts, a plain white T-shirt and pumps/trainers - **with their name on everything**) on that day. They

can wear jogging/tracksuit bottoms on colder days as P.E. lessons will be outside as much as possible.

Spellings

Your child will be sent home every half term with a list of spellings. Your child will have a spelling test every Thursday therefore they have plenty of time to learn their spellings. If possible, please spend some time helping your child to learn their spellings.

Many thanks for your help and support.

Mrs Snape and Mr Mass