

To make our dreams come true

through our shared Christian Values of compassion, respect, trust, wisdom and friendship

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Never dropping a leaf, always in blossom. Psalm 1:3*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Philosophers Class, I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. I am very pleased to see the children back at school in the classroom. Children may bring in one small clear pencil case for their pens and pencils, all items clearly labelled. They will need PE kits in school all week, PE will be on Tuesday and Dance on Friday. Occasionally Children will need wellies or old trainers to wear during STEM time on a Friday afternoon; I will let them know when they need to bring them in. Children will not require pencil cases in class this term.

It is very important that children arrive promptly for the school day; in Philosophers the learning begins with a morning activity that supports previous learning. If you need to speak to me, I am available for a quick catch up after school; Mrs Bartucca in the office will pass on messages; alternatively write me a note for your child to hand to me. If you feel you need more time, please make an appointment at the office with Mrs Bartucca. Parent's evening is on the 27th and 28th September where you will have a 1:1 meeting with me. Appointment slips will be sent home nearer the time.

PE

Children need to have their PE kits in school every day. Outside PE sessions will normally be on a Tuesday. A dark coloured tracksuit (no logos) would prove useful in the cold weather, indoor sessions on Friday afternoon. Please check children have the correct named P.E. kit. (See the school website). PE is part of the National Curriculum. If your child is unable to take part in PE please write a note stating why and for how long your child will be unable to do PE.

Homework

Homework is part of school life and helps children to prepare for secondary school. Home learning will be set out on Google Classroom, with links to Mathletics; the children have a list of passwords they need to access online learning. If your child has difficulties accessing the home learning please let me know, they can sign up for the home learning lunchtime club.

Weekly Spellings: - will be sent home on a Monday. At Upper Key Stage 2 children are expected to know the meaning and use words on their list in their written work, including the root word and words of similar meaning.

The 'home' spelling book, needs to be returned on Friday with evidence that YOUR child has practised and learnt their spellings. They will do their weekly test in the back of this book and it needs to be in school.

Times-tables: Year 5 and 6 children are expected to know all their tables up to 12 x 12, including division facts. There are activities on Mathletics to support learning times tables. Please look at the Learning Buffet on the school website, where you will find links to online maths games and activities to help learn the tables. We have also signed up for Times Table Rock Stars; passwords for all online

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learning resources will be sent home with the children. If there are problems accessing online learning, please see me.

Independent Reading: - This is a vital part of 'Learning for Life'. Each week we expect the children to have their 'Home School Reading Record' signed, by an adult, at least 4 times. Children must read the book provided by school, they may also choose to read other books, and this can include comics and graphic novels, and children can write in the 'Home School reading record' and ask parents to sign to confirm they have read. This gives us the opportunity to see the breadth of genre read by the children.

I am planning exciting trips to enhance and engage the children with the learning. The first trip is to **Hooke Court on Wednesday 14th September for a 2 night residential, this will include team building and forest school fun and activities linked to our topic of the Tudors.**

You are invited to a meeting on Wednesday 7th September, at 3.40 about the residential trip.

I will be able to answer any questions you may have. If you have not completed the form and your child wishes to go please speak to Mrs Bartucca for a letter. We will also have whole school themed days and weeks. Watch this space!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Jill Broomfield

Philosophers Class teacher