

9 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer. We are very much looking forward to working with your children this year and are excited to get started. Outlined below are expectations for Year 4 pupils, upcoming dates and some beginning of year reminders.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school between 8:40 and 8:50am. If arriving late, you should bring your child into school via the office as we are instructed to close classroom doors at 8:50am.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday 18th September - Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a 'Coffee Morning' on Thursday 18th September between 9:05am and 9:30am, where we will explain more about the year ahead and be happy to discuss any questions from parents about the curriculum.

Monday 8th September - 4M starts swimming sessions

Monday 10th November - 4D starts swimming sessions

Stationery:

As you are aware, children are required to bring in one pencil case each and supply their own equipment to use every day at school. These should be replenished regularly and must be able to fit in their trays. We are limited on space so please be aware that oversized cases may need to be replaced.

Essential equipment for daily work includes:

- HB writing pencils x 3
- colourless glue-stick
- 30cm ruler (without hinges)
- small sharpener (preferably with a 'bin' attached)
- a rubber
- colouring pencils

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Please note that children are responsible for letting parents and carers know what needs to be replenished. KS2 class teachers are not provided with extra equipment to do unfortunately. Glue sticks are particularly scarce and used in every lesson. If you have any concerns about providing these resources, please email the office.

#### Homework:

Children are expected to practise their reading, spellings and times tables daily. Your child will be given a purple homework book to practise in. Please note, there is no requirement to hand these in. We recommend children spend 15 mins reading, 10 mins on spellings and 10 mins on times tables each day.

Reading - It is a school-wide expectation that children should read daily and that this is recorded in reading records (by the child or an adult). When reading, please mark down the date, book title and the pages read. Record books will be monitored weekly by an adult. Children should bring in their reading records and take them home every day as they contain important log in details. Soon, children will be able to access Accelerated Reader quizzes at home (to be completed after finishing books). More information will be shared via Dojos.

Spellings - The children will continue to have daily spelling lessons to learn spelling rules with a dictation spelling test every Friday. Spelling rules will be sent home soon after all assessments are done and after for each half-term. Practising writing their spellings at home as well as in-school is essential to help 'overlearn' spellings to maximise memorability.

Times Tables - It is important children practise their times tables and division facts daily in preparation for the 'The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)' in June. As a result, we would like children to spend 30 minutes a week on TT Rockstars or <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>. Here, your child can practise the quantity and speed of questions similar to the MTC. Times table knowledge will be tested regularly in class.

#### PE:

4D - indoor PE on Mondays, outdoor PE - orienteering, on Tuesdays  
4M - indoor PE on Wednesdays, outdoor PE - swimming, on Mondays  
Children need to come to school in PE kit on those days.

#### Swimming Lessons

Our swimming lessons are held at Whitgift School pool. Your child will need to bring an appropriate swimming costume – a one piece costume for girls (no bikinis please), and trunks for boys (no shorts please as staff cannot help to tie drawstrings); a towel and swimming hat (for those with shoulder length hair or longer). These should be brought in a suitable bag each Monday. Please note, if a child has a verruca they can still swim, but will need a verruca sock, which is a rubber close-fitting sock that you

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can buy in a chemist. Whitgift School have advised that if a child has head lice then they cannot swim. Please check your child's head regularly and treat any outbreaks. We will be walking to Whitgift School (so please ensure that your child has a suitable jacket with them). Our sessions are in the morning and we'll leave school at approximately 10.00 am on the dates outlined below.

4M:

Mon 8th Sept  
Mon 15th Sept  
Mon 22nd Sept  
Mon 29th Sept  
Mon 6th Oct  
Mon 13th Oct

4D:

Mon 10th Nov  
Mon 17th Nov  
Mon 24th Nov  
Mon 1st Dec  
Mon 8th Dec

As usual, we will be using ClassDojo to communicate any class notices (such as school trip information and class news) and pictures. ClassDojo also has a messaging feature for teacher-parent communications, however, please note that any pressing issues or concerns should not be shared here. Appointments to discuss any concerns should be made via the office and we will happily make time to see you.

Yours sincerely,

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