



## Information Letter for Year 3 and 4 Classes:

April 2024

Dear Parents

We would like to warmly welcome you back again after Easter. We hope that your children settle back happily, and we can get back into the routines we established last term. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term.

In order to maintain the good routines we have established and continue to keep your child safe, we would like to remind you of our expectations for daily procedures.

Please can we remind you that all children should arrive at school from 8:40am and be picked up at **3.15pm**. We understand that occasionally you get delayed and cannot always stick to these times, we are only human, however it can be very unsettling for children if they arrive late frequently and class has started. This is also true at the end of the day when most children have been picked up. All teachers will often have meetings directly after the end of the school day so this will delay the staff also. Registration will start at 8.50am (the school gates will also close at this time) - a late mark is received for any child arriving after 8:50 up to 9:00am. After 9:00am your child will receive an unauthorised absence for the morning.

We expect all children to be as independent as possible. In order to encourage this there are several things they need to do when they arrive at and leave school.

### Morning Routine

- Children are asked to come independently into their classrooms from 8.40am. They are expected to hang up their coats and bags (please be aware that cloakroom space is limited so please ensure bags are as small as possible) and then go straight into class where the class teacher will be waiting for them with an early morning activity to complete.
- Where possible, we ask that the children go independently straight to their classroom via the Claverton Road entrance and across the school carpark (which will be closed during this time) and round to the playground via this route. The children will then go straight round to their classroom where they will be met by their class teacher. If is more convenient for your child to come in via the gate adjacent to Tiddlers Nursery, this is fine but we ask that the children walk straight to their classes.
- We politely ask that parents leave the site as soon as you have said your goodbyes. Some children can find it difficult to settle if they can see you outside.
- Please can you ensure that all of your child's belongings fit into one small bag. Reading folders will need to be brought in daily.

### Afternoon Routine

- Please meet your child on the playground at 3.15pm or at an agreed meeting place convenient to you. Please ensure your child knows where to meet you.
- Teachers always let the children know to come back to the classroom if for any reason the person they are expecting are not there and we ask that you also give the same message to your children.

We thank you for your co-operation.

## **Geography and History for the Summer Term:**

Our Geography topic will be **UK National Parks** and the **local area**.

In History, we will be studying **Ancient Greeks**

We will also be covering a range of other learning and we hope that you find the Curriculum Map, on the website, useful to keep track of what your child is being taught. Throughout Terms 5 and 6 we will be focusing our PSHE work around the themes of Relationships and Changing Me using the materials from our Jigsaw scheme of work. This will also link to the important message we send home to the children about keeping themselves safe which is delivered through our PANTS resources from the NSPCC in a child friendly but informative manner.

**Y4 Multiplication Check:** These will be taking place during the week beginning Monday 3rd June.

PHSE – Our new sex and relationships curriculum will be studied in the summer term for both year 3 and 4. Details of the meeting we held regarding this can be found on the Y4 class pages.

**School Visits:** Year 4 will be going on camp on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Year 3 are looking forward to a visit to the Bristol Museum later in the term (details of this to follow in a separate letter)

**Snacks:** The school policy on snacks is to ensure that they should be a healthy option. If you would like your child to have a mid-morning snack, we encourage them to bring in fresh fruit or vegetables. The best snack for break time, are foods that they can eat outside and they can eat with their fingers. Chopped up, fruit or raw veggies such as carrots or peppers are ideal. Breadsticks and wholemeal crackers are also great finger foods that can be spread with low-fat soft cheese. Please note: that the most recent guidance is that dried fruit is no longer recommended as a between-meal snack as its high in sugar and can be bad for teeth. Parents have asked about various shop purchased snacks, such as fruit winders and various breakfast bars etc. Most of these snacks are usually high in sugar. Water should be the only drink. Milk can be purchased through the [school milk service](#). **It is essential that your child has a named water bottle that is easy for them to refill during the day.** Thank you for your support

**Nut and seed life-threatening allergy awareness:** We have several children with severe life-threatening nut, lentil and sesame seed allergies and a reaction can be triggered by airborne contact. For safety reasons, we must insist that parents/guardians do not send children to school with peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella, cereal bars containing nuts etc. or indeed anything containing nuts, lentils or sesame seeds (i.e. on buns or snack bars and houmous) This also applies to our aim to discourage confectionery for birthday celebrations – sweets and chocolates can contain traces of nuts and seeds. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding with this.

**Birthday celebrations:** We do not wish to spoil any child's birthday happiness but at the same time we do not want to add to the issues that we all know sugar causes for children. School council's presentation about the issues around sweets been sent in for birthdays can be found [here](#) and their presentations linked to our sugar smart campaign can be found [here](#). We are introducing other ways of celebrating your child's special day in school without cakes and sweets. We think these are choices for you to make for yourselves at home. So please do not send sweets, cakes or other treats into school when it is your child's birthday.

**Toys:** Unfortunately, children will not be able to bring in any toys or games from home. This also includes for Golden Time. We will ensure there are plenty of games and activities available in each class for this.

**Outdoor Shoes:** Please can children have a separate pair of outdoor shoes in school as we use the side field at playtime and lunchtime wherever possible.

**Reading:** Please continue to read with your child daily, ensuring you sign their record clearly. The children's planners are checked regularly and house points given for consistent reading. You will also have received a letter about our new Accelerated Reader programme with details of how you can monitor the progress of your child and support them further with their reading.

**Homework:** All children will need to bring their reading folders every day. Daily reading is expected in some form at home. Ten quiet minutes is all you need each day. It's amazing how this will aid your child's progress. Reading to your child is invaluable even when they are fluent independent readers.

Spellings for the first week back will be given to Year 3 in the last week of this term to be tested on the first Friday back (Thursday for Maple class).

Due to camp, the spellings for Year 4 will be given out during the first week to be tested Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Please support your child to complete their sentences in their planners using the correct punctuation.

The expectation for maths is the completion of DoodleMaths **3x a week earning a minimum of 30 stars**. This will be monitored each Friday in class. Please help your child to get into a routine that works for you to enable them to achieve this.

In order to support the children's learning at home we suggest the following websites:

[TT Rockstars](#) and [Doodle Maths](#) (logins required)

[ict.games.com](#)

[Topmarks](#)

**Physical Education** Indoor P.E. kit should be red plain or [Saltford t shirts](#) and black shorts.

Outdoor PE Kits should include long warm jogging trousers, a red T-Shirt, trainers, (Please send velcro fasteners if your child is unable to tie their laces) and a fleece type jacket. Please keep these in school all week as sometimes we need to adjust our P.E. slots.

Class	Indoor PE	Outside PE
Lime (PNMB)	Friday	Tuesday
Sycamore (SG)	Wednesday	Thursday
Maple (BB)	Monday	Thursday
Willow (RJ)	Monday	Friday

**PPA Time:** This is class teacher's support time away from the classroom and will be covered by Mrs. Dixon for Willow Class and Mrs. Spincer for Sycamore and Maple Class in the mornings and Mrs. Dixon every other Thursday afternoon.

Maple	Every Thursday
Sycamore	Every Thursday pm and Friday am
Willow	Every Thursday am

**Lost Property:** **Please make sure that everything is named.** This includes things like socks, shoes, hats, gloves, lunchboxes and drink bottles!! If everything is named, we will save a huge amount of time searching for lost items.

**School Dinners:** Key Stage Two children are required to pay should they wish to have a school dinner. Alternatively, parents can choose to provide their child with a packed lunch from home. If your child is having a school dinner please can you use the MCAS online app to make any payment. Please can we also ask that you go through the menu with your child to ensure that they know what is available that day and whether they would like a vegetarian dinner (green) or a non-vegetarian (red). Class teachers require this information so that the kitchen can prepare the correct number of meals. The menu can be found on the school website. <http://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/>

**Payments:** Where payment for trips or events is required, the school uses MCAS (My Child at School), an online payment system. <https://mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>  
You will have been sent details of your login for this from the office. If you need any support with this please contact the school office.

**Hair: We** would like to request that all long hair (boys and girls) is put up for school in an effort to help prevent outbreaks of head lice which are so common. Please can all hair be tied neatly, with only small red and black clips and elastics to fasten them. Please see our uniform policy in the office section of the website for further information. <http://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/>

**Voluntary Classroom Support: We** are always looking for parent helpers to support activities in school. Information regarding this will be sent out when we are able to restart this - including all the current safety details etc. If you can help, we are always very grateful - even if it is on odd occasions or only for a short period of time. DBS forms are available from the school office.  
We would like to thank you for your continued support and hope that the year ahead will be a happy and healthy one for all concerned. Please do book an appointment with your child's teacher if there is anything you need to discuss with them – it is not always easy to have a conversation with the children present.

We would like to thank you for your continued support with the additional safety measures we have continued to put in place, and hope that the year ahead will be a happy and healthy one for all of us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Nethercott/Mrs. Brook

Mr Jenkins

Miss Benton

Mr George