

Changes:

If there are any changes to circumstances, which you feel may affect your child in school please advise us so we can take appropriate action.

Please do let the school office know immediately, if there is any change to your contact details.

Home Time

We will dismiss children into your care on the junior playground, from the classroom doors which lead onto the playground (unless it has been raining as a huge puddle forms by the steps! In those instances, we will lead them to the main Junior entrance for you to collect).

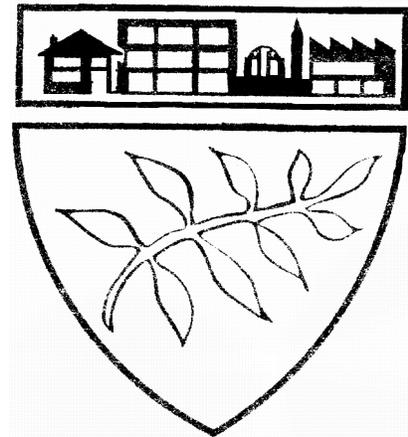
However, if you consider your child able to meet you in another place on the school premises (such as the infant playground), please advise us in writing.

The children enter school at the beginning of the day in the same way as they did in Year 3.

We do hope that this is helpful to you.

Many thanks

The Year Four Team



Welcome to
Year Four

2020-2021

Mrs Cox
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Welcome to Year Four!

We are very excited to be teaching Class 9 and Class 10 in September!

In order to give you as much help as possible, in supporting your child, here is a guide to the way we work in Year 4.

Curriculum:

Year 4 is an exciting year!

We cover 'The Tudors' and 'The Egyptians' in History, 'The Digestive System' and 'Sound' in Science, as well as 'Making Chocolate' and 'African Art' in DT and Art! We have a busy but fun year ahead!

Our termly overview of the topics we teach will be published at the beginning of each term.

We will offer a wide variety of subjects and these could be combined in cross-curricular topics with some themed days included.

Homework:

Homework at Ashtree School is now focused on speaking and listening skills.

On alternate weeks, the children will be set a piece of homework to encourage discussion within your families. This is particularly useful if your child has siblings, at Ashtree, as they will be set the same homework, and so it can be completed altogether.

The other homework set, will be based on either a maths skill or a spelling or grammar skill that has been taught to your child beforehand.

All homework is set on a Wednesday and is due in the following Wednesday at the latest.

Please read with your child at home as often as possible, preferably every day. Regular reading promotes both their reading fluency and comprehension, but also positively impacts on their writing.

Please sign the reading records to show us when you have read with your child.

PE:

Both a named indoor and outdoor PE kit, with trainers, is required everyday please.

It is best to bring it in on a Monday, and take it home again on a Friday for washing.

Uniform:

Please keep to our published dress code with all items, including plimsolls and PE kit, named.

We expect children to be ready for an entire day at school, which includes a coat in cold weather and sun protection in the warmer months.

Holidays:

Holidays are not authorised during term time. Leave of absence for exceptional circumstances can be requested via a form from the school office.

Behaviour Policy:

We have high expectations of all our children. Our policy is available to all parents via our school website. This is a whole school policy to enable us to deal with all issues fairly.

Communication

If you have any concerns or queries we are happy to discuss them. Please come and speak to your class teacher and we can together decide the appropriate actions or we can refer you to a more senior member of staff. We are available after school, when we can give more time to discuss an issue, rather than mornings when we are very busy.

Times Tables

As you may be aware, Year 4 children have to undertake a government Times Tables test, to assess their application and understanding of the multiplication tables.

To ensure your child has the highest chance of success, we will be practising multiplication tables daily, in a variety of different ways, to secure their rapid recall of these. This will be practising and not testing, so there will not be a weekly test.

If you would like to know what the times table test will be like next year (and also use a great resource to practise the times tables at home), the 'Mathsframe.co.uk Times Tables Check', is very close to the government test.

We also use the website 'Times Tables Rockstars', not only to help develop the rapid recall of multiplication facts, both at home and school, but to use the Sound-check game, which is also based on the government test.