

Wendover CE Junior School

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Through living our Christian values, everyone at WCEJS has the opportunity to flourish.

We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.

Building solid foundations (Matthew 7: 24-27)

20 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to another year at Wendover CE Junior School. As Year Leader, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child into Year 4. The children have made a great start to life in Year 4 and it has been great to see them settle into their new classes so well. This letter has been created to give you some key information regarding routines, dates and events that will be taking place this year. I hope that you find it useful.

The Staff

In Year 4 the class teachers are Mr Slade (4W), Mrs Simpson (4J) and Mrs Beale (4S). We will also have Mrs Beck, who will be teaching 4J on Tuesdays. In class, the children will be assisted by Mrs Duignan, Miss Carrington and Mr Irvine. The Year group also has support from Mrs Ford-Makin.

Expectations

I am sure you will agree that having high expectations for every child is important. At Wendover Junior School we place a great emphasis on behaviour and expect all children to behave exceptionally well inside and outside the classroom. We follow the 4Rs: Respect, Responsibility, Reflection and Resilience. The children will be learning about the importance of these values throughout the school year. Children will be rewarded for excellent behaviour through house points, certificates, reward breaks and Headteacher Awards.

School Uniform

We ask for all children to wear the specified school uniform every day and wear it correctly. Black school shoes should be worn – not boots or trainers. Children should come to school with a suitable coat to keep them warm and dry when they go outside to play. All clothing must be named. In addition, long hair should be tied up in a plain hairband (black, grey, red or white). Jewellery is kept to a minimum (optional wristwatch and one plain stud per ear). Nail varnish is not allowed in school. Please refer to the school uniform policy for further guidance. This can be found on our website under the 'key information' section.

PE

PE kit should be kept in school at all times. Children are expected to change their socks for PE and tights should not be worn. Scheduled PE sessions will be on a Tuesday and Thursday, though sessions may be rescheduled and additional sessions may take place. Please make sure children have appropriate clothing for a change in weather. All kit must be named.

Extended Learning

Extended learning is work that is set for children to complete at home in order to help them develop their independence and organisational skills. Work is shared with them through eSchools each Monday and is due in by 9am the following Monday. In Year 4, children will be set the following extended learning to complete weekly:

Task	How it is set	How it is monitored	Duration
Reading	Children will be provided with a reading book selected by them at their level.	Reading should be recorded in your child's A4 reading folder.	10mins daily. This can include both adult and child reading.
Weekly Spellings	Weekly spellings are set on eSchools. Children will start on 8 or 10 spellings. If your child scores full marks in their spelling test four weeks in a row, they are challenged to learn 12, 14 and then 16 spellings. <i>Rubies spelling group will start on 10 words and have a focus on phonics and high frequency words.</i>	They must learn their spelling words for their weekly spelling test on Mondays. New words go home on a Monday.	20mins weekly
Maths	Doodle Maths assignment. A further optional maths worksheet will be set on eSchools that is linked to their current learning.	Acknowledged on eSchools	20mins weekly
TT Rockstars	Additionally, children should practise learning their times tables. In Year 4, times tables facts should be consolidated using TT Rockstars.	Activity Checked on TT Rockstars	5-10mins daily
Wendover spelling challenge (half termly)	In addition to the weekly spellings, children take part in a spelling challenge. These are the statutory words children should know, as set out by the DfE. Please support your child to learn these at home ready for their test. Children in Year 4 will carry on from the certificate earned in Year 3. The Wendover spelling challenge words can be found attached to their weekly spellings on eSchools.	Your child will be tested half termly. If they manage to spell all the words correctly, they will receive a certificate in celebration assembly. Your child can be tested for more than one certificate per half term. A certificate can also be learnt over 3 sessions if pupils need extra help to complete a level. Dates will be confirmed nearer the time.	At your own discretion

Extended learning is set on a Monday and it should be completed and submitted by the following Monday. You may wish to upload your child's work to eSchools; however this is not compulsory.

Respect

Reflection

Responsibility

Resilience

Important dates in Year 4

26 September	Meet the Teacher, 3.30-4.30pm
8 th November	Egyptian Day
Spring Term	4W class assembly
Spring Term	4J class assembly
Spring Term	`4S class assembly
17 th March	Green Park Activity Day
Summer Term	Swimming
11 th /12 th June	River and Rowing Museum

Educational Visits in Year 4

We are intending to provide enrichment activities linked to the following areas of learning (specific details will be confirmed soon):

- History – Ancient Egypt
- P.E. - Team building
- History – Vikings and Anglo Saxons
- English – Chocolate
- Geography - Rivers

Volunteers

If you are in a position to help with any areas of learning, please make contact via the school office. We would really appreciate your help, as we are always looking for ways to make the curriculum even more exciting and engaging for the children.

The Year 4 team are very excited to take your children on a new learning journey and hope that they thoroughly enjoy their time at Wendover Junior School. Should you have any queries or concerns, please talk with your child's class teacher.

Thank you for the support you give to your child and to the school. The Year 4 team are really looking forward to getting to know the children during this academic year. If you have any questions or concerns, then please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher. We are at the school gate most mornings and afternoons. Alternatively, you can send an email to admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk We look forward to welcoming you into school for 'Meet the Teacher' on Thursday 26th September.

Yours sincerely

Daryl Slade
Year 4 Leader

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