Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was a wonderful summer for you all. I also hope that the children are excited about beginning their first term in Year 4; we are really looking forward to teaching them all the exciting things that make it such a fantastic year. Mrs Sainsbury will be working with us to support and inspire the children too.

Music

In our music lessons this year, we will be learning to play the ukulele as well as developing our singing and musical skills. Mr Truman, a specialist music teacher from the Leicestershire Music Service, will teach the lessons and each child will be loaned an instrument through the music service (more details will be sent out soon).

Times tables and Homework

Please be aware that Year 4 pupils are expected to know **all their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year** and there is now a government statutory assessment on times tables at the end of Year 4. Each week we'll complete a Multiplication Challenge against the clock to help build up their knowledge and speed of recall; practising on Times Table Rock Stars for at least 30 minutes per week as part of their homework will certainly help to ensure they develop a solid understanding and grasp of their tables. These sessions will begin at 3:30 on a Monday afternoon and end 8:00am the following Monday, allowing children nearly a full week to complete their 30 minutes.

Children will also receive a written homework each week, alternating between a maths task and an English task. These will be handed out on a Friday and due in the following Thursday.

Reading

Reading is, as I'm sure you agree, one of life's key skills and in order to support the work we do in school, we ask that you hear your child read for 15 minutes at least 3 times per week, whatever their ability. Reading regularly to and discussing the content of the books with an adult develops children's comprehension skills and your help with this really does make a big difference to their success. Hearing you read as well is also a fantastic way to enhance their love of reading. Please sign and date their reading diary, making a note of anything you think I should be aware of to help them further.

P.E

PE will be on Wednesday and Friday afternoons but please ensure that the PE kit is in school ALL week so we can change the days if necessary. **This kit is an essential part of their uniform as it allows movement to be easier and more comfortable and is designed to ensure health and safety guidelines are adhered to at all times. Please check regularly that their kit fits (especially footwear) and includes:**

Outdoor: trainers suitable for playground and field, blue or black tracksuit bottoms, blue or white t-shirt, sweatshirt.
Indoor: pumps, a blue or white t-shirt and blue shorts.

Jewellery, including earrings, must not be worn in any PE or swimming lessons and if possible should be removed before the children come to school. Long hair must be tied up.

Things to note…

- Please could your child bring a named bottle of water with them every day; school has a fresh water fountain so they can top it up as necessary.
- The tuck shop will be open at break so a small amount of money will be needed if they wish to buy from there. If not, please ensure that your child has a piece of fruit or another healthy option to eat.
- If you have any questions or queries at any time, please feel free to contact us via the class email – year4@woodstone.leics.sch.uk - or come and see me either before or after school.
- Please regularly check the school website for updates on what we have been doing in class! You can find this under Classes tab- Cedar Class- Cedar Class News.
- In our 'Welcome to Cedar Class' meeting, which begins at 5.00pm on Wednesday 2nd September, we will talk through the expectations of Year 4 and happily answer any questions or queries you may have. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Regards,

Miss Daley & Mrs O'Connor
Year 4 Teachers