



St Herbert's RC Primary School

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Welcome to Class 5

'Shoot for the stars, you might become one.'

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you enjoyed your summer break. It has been lovely getting to know your children and families.

This letter is designed to give you an overview of what to expect from Class 5 over the coming year.

Reading & Reading Books

Your child will receive a reading book each week to share with you at home and we would expect them to read for at least 10 minutes a night. We ask that your child brings their reading book into school with them on their reading day. Your child has also been provided with a reading log book. In KS2 we ask that the children write a comment in their log book each week (e.g. Are they enjoying the book? Who would they recommend the book to? What has happened in the chapters they have read so far?). Please also feel free to comment about your child's reading in this book as parents.

We encourage the children to read a range of material in addition to any of the books taken from school. It is vital that the children develop a true love of reading as they progress in Year 3 from learning to read to reading to learn.

Homework

Homework books will be sent home and should stay at home. Homework tasks will be set every Friday via Google Classroom and must be completed and uploaded to Google Classroom by the following Friday. Tasks will be based on current learning in the classroom covering a range of subjects. Spellings will also be set on Google Classroom every Friday and tests will be held the following Friday.

Uniform & PE Kit

Please make sure your child's name is written on all items of PE kit, uniform and coats. PE will be held on different days each week/term so please bring your child's PE into school so it is there for when we do PE that week.

As always, we encourage the children to come to school looking smart, with shirts tucked in, top buttons fastened and black sensible shoes. Trainers and boots are not allowed. Nails should be free of nail varnish.

For health and safety reasons, we only allow small, stud earrings. Please note that children must not wear earrings for PE, so it is advised that they be removed before coming to school on these days. As per school policy, no chains, necklaces, bracelets, wrist bands, fit bits or Smart watches are allowed. Sensible sized watches are permitted.

Snacks & Packed Lunches

In Year 3 fruit is no longer provided, please bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to be eaten at morning playtime. The children can get very hungry from breakfast until dinnertime. As a healthy school we encourage the children to eat a wide range of healthy snacks and lunches. We ask that only fruit or vegetables are brought in for a playtime snack and water for drinks during the day (Not juice or flavoured water). For packed lunches, please do not bring chocolate, biscuits or fried crisps however, baked crisps are permitted.

We are asking that children do not bring anything with them into school daily other than their book bag and lunch box – please don't send lunches into school in big backpacks due to the room they take up.

Swimming

The children will be swimming every Monday afternoon, starting on Monday 11th September. Details and information are included on the separate letter you have received.

Sacramental Programme

Information and details about this will follow shortly once conformation from the Church has been received.

X (formally Twitter) & Evernote

Examples of your children's work and updates about what they are doing will be posted on our class X (formally Twitter) page. Please follow us at:

Class5@StHerberts

To further enhance the children's learning experience, if you have any photographs or video clips of any interesting or exciting activities completed at home or anywhere outside of school that you would like to email to us, then please use the following email address:

aspden183.ce9dbc6@m.evernote.com

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child over the coming year and believe that with your help and support, each child will be able to fully access their learning and achieve their full potential.

Thank you for your continuing support,
Mrs Aspden