



## **St Herbert's RC Primary School**

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### **Welcome to Class 9 – Year 5/6!**

*'Nothing can dim the light that shines from within'*

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope you enjoyed your summer break and are ready for a fun-filled year where I hope we can work together to provide the best for the wonderful children in Class 9. I have been impressed with how enthusiastic the children have been in their approach to the new school year and look forward to seeing all they manage to achieve.

This letter is designed to give you an overview of what to expect from Class 9 over the coming year.

Throughout the year, we will be encouraging the children to become independent, responsible young people who are ready for high school. We have explained to them that they are now the role models for the rest of the children in St Herbert's and as such, we have extremely high expectations of them!

#### **Reading & Reading Books**

Reading will be a big focus in Class 9 this year, I believe that reading is the key which gives access to the whole curriculum. We will read in our English sessions, we'll read in Guided Reading sessions and we will share class books to allow our love of reading to flourish. I ask that your child brings their reading book into school with them every day – I intend to monitor what they are reading, change their book and listen to them read each week. Your child has been allocated a reading day which is noted on their book bag. Please can I ask that the children read at home for at least 10 minutes a night. In KS2 we ask that the children write at least one comment in their yellow logbook 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 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 Class 9 from learning to read to reading to learn.

### **Homework**

This year, 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 by the following Friday. Tasks will be based on current learning in the classroom covering a range of subjects. Spellings for the following week go live on Edshed every Friday at 15:00.

As the children progress in Class 9, the amount of homework they are given may increase in order to fully prepare them for their learning in class. That said, I am a firm believer that family comes before all else.

### **Uniform & PE Kit**

Please make sure your child's name is written on all items of PE kit, uniform and coats. During the first Autumn half term (until October holidays), Class 9 will have two sessions of PE on **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Please note that children may wear black tracksuit bottoms or leggings and trainers for outdoor P.E; however, children must wear pumps or be barefoot for indoor PE.

As always, we ask 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 clean and free of nail varnish.

For health and safety reasons, we only allow small, stud earrings. Please note that children must not wear earrings for P.E 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 or Smart watches are allowed. Sensible sized watches are permitted.

### **Snacks & Packed Lunches**

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. Baked crisps are permitted.

### **Robinwood (Year 6 Children of Class 9)**

As you are aware, the Robinwood residential trip will be Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

### **SATs (Year 6 Children of Class 9)**

At the moment it is planned that the children will take their Year 6 SATs as normal, during the week commencing the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Over the coming months we will endeavour to ensure that they face this challenge with confidence and positivity! During this term we will provide you with more information about the assessments and how we will be preparing for them and give you a chance to ask any questions you have about SATs or anything Year 6 related.

We will be holding an information morning for parents and guardians on the 19<sup>th</sup> October at 8:45am in the school hall. We will be discussing the organisation and details linked to SAT's, including the layout of SAT's week.

If children have to sit the national tests, we want the children we care about to do well. We want them to feel good about themselves, knowing they've given it their best shot. What constitutes 'doing well' will be different for every child but seeing the link between trying hard at something and achievement is one of the most important lessons that every child can take from primary school.

### **Young Voices (Year 6)**

Pupils from all around Greater Manchester are invited to a singing festival. This is the Young Voices concert which will be at the AO Arena on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The children in Year 6 will be learning the songs in school and can also access them at home ready for the concert. Parents will be able to come along and watch the evening performance, for a fee. A letter explaining these details will be sent out separately.

### **Class X page and Google Classroom**

This year, more than ever, we intend to use X (formerly twitter) as a tool to build links between our classroom and home so you can see examples of your children's work and updates about what they are doing will be posted on our class X page. Please follow us at:

[@9StHerberts](#)

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 post them on Google Classroom under our class page.

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,

Mr Russell & Mrs Kemp