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St. Anne's C.E. Primary School

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year 4!

I hope the children are well rested after their sunny summer holiday break. Just a few housekeeping notes to ensure a smooth start to the year!

School drop off is between 8:45-9:00 and children will continue to follow the one-way system to their classroom entrance. For year 4, school finishes at **3:25** and the children will exit via the rear fire door into the school yard. Please wave to acknowledge them so they, and I, can see you. Please telephone the office if someone other than the usual adult is collecting your child. If you are running late, the children must wait inside school until you arrive.

Children may bring a bag to school which they can place on their peg. Please allow your child to have a water bottle in school at all times.

PE

The year 4 children will undertake swimming every **Friday afternoon throughout the autumn term** and will need a swimming hat as well as costume and towel. Should you wish to collect your child from the swimming baths at 3 o'clock, please contact the school office confirming who will collect him/her.

Ukulele

This year, the children will learn to play the ukulele! Mrs Coulls, from Durham Music Service will visit each week commencing 13th September. If your child has their own ukulele at home and they would like to use it, they may bring it to stay in school. Otherwise, they will be provided with a ukulele to use.

Homework will be given each week as follows:

English/Maths- One piece of either English or Maths to be completed on DB Primary. Homework will be set each Thursday. In addition, children should choose a task from the homework grid **each fortnight**.

Times table practice will form part of our weekly routine. Please support your child in learning these at home. Times table tests will take place weekly in school. Children in year 4 learn all times tables up to 12 x 12, in and out of order, in the format 1 x 6 = 6, 2 x 6 = 12 etc

Reading- An opportunity for reading happens every day in school and your child will choose a book from the appropriate level. They will also bring a reading book home in order that you can listen to them read. This will help to advance their learning. Please encourage your child to read to you and ask questions to confirm their understanding. Please sign the reading record or place a comment with regards to their reading then return the book to school when it needs to be changed.

Kevin -Kevin is our class mascot. Every Thursday, Kevin goes home with someone for a visit and we ask that your child writes something in his diary about the things they have done together. This is not meant to be a huge chore for parents but simply an opportunity for your child to share with the class the things they enjoy doing at the weekend. They may include photos/pictures/stickers in the diary but do not feel under pressure to do this. Please return Kevin to school by Tuesday each week so we can read his diary and get him ready to go back out with the next person.

Feel free to speak to me before school, if you have any concerns or wish to share any information about your child. You can also email me on l.johnson202@durhamlearning.net

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs. L. Johnson

