



Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. Thank you for helping your child settle well this school year. They have come in looking smart in their appearance and are raring to start their learning this term! It would be appreciated if you encouraged your child to enter the school building at the outside classroom doors independently.

PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays. It is vital that your child has a full, named Queensgate PE kit in school on Monday mornings and it should be left in school all week. We are often flexible with PE and so your child needs to be always ready. In addition to their PE kit your child may bring in a track suit top and jogging bottoms which should be worn over their Queensgate kit, for the colder months. Also a pair of suitable sports trainers may be brought in addition to their plimsolls for outside PE. We have found in the past that a spare pair of socks is very useful for hygiene reasons or especially for girls in "tights season" for ease and speed of changing. Ear tape must be provided for any ear studs that cannot be removed. Earrings worn to school should be stud ones. All long hair needs to be tied back.

Homework will be issued every Friday with the expectation that it is returned by the following Thursday at the latest. Please check the homework grid that will be in your child's homework book, along with times table and spelling lists. Testing will be on Wednesday/Thursday/Friday (please check homework books).

Each Friday the children will have Samba lessons with Mr. Wolton.

Residential trip: We will be holding an adventure and activity residential trip at the PGL Camp at Wootton in May 2020. This is an exciting trip where the children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities. The dates are Monday 11th May to Wednesday 13th May 2020. The cost will be £176. Weekly payment cards are available from the office. A deposit of £30 is required by Friday 18th October 2019 with all monies to be paid by Friday 3rd April 2020. Please sign and return the permission slip. More details will be given in our Spring Term Parents meeting. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Our topic this half term is "Udderly Brilliant" based around milk, digestion and our Briddlesford Farm visit. Please see our trip letter.

A reminder of how to help your child at home:

Reading: Our expectation is that your child reads 3 times a week at home and that this is written in their reading record. Any extra is a bonus.

Homework, spellings and times tables: Our expectation is that children complete all homework set. Spellings should be practised and by the end of Year 4 we expect all children to know all 12 times tables fluently.

Promptness: It is essential that your child is in school ready to learn promptly for school. Attendance can affect children's academic performance. Even 5 minutes late has a huge impact. Year 4 children have morning activities which start at 8.40am. These activities are designed to support their learning.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment with a member of the Year 4 team.

Kindest regards,

Mrs. L. Merwood and Miss A Hunter (Y4 teachers)

Mrs. S. Wiper, Miss J. Hume and Mrs. N. Webb (Y4 team)