

Blue 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term September – December 2017

Dear Blue 2 parents and carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer. Welcome back to a new year at Phil and Jim School! Your children have made a fantastic start to Year 4 and I am very much looking forward to working with you all so that we have an exciting and productive year!

Communication

If you have any queries, please email the office with your concerns, these emails will be passed on to me and I will respond within 48 hours. Alternatively, feel free to arrange a chat with me by phone or in person. Mr Miles is Lower Key Stage 2 Lead and is available should you wish to discuss any wider concerns.

Topic this term

Phil and Jim School has had a link school in South Africa for a number of years. This has provided the inspiration for this term's whole school topic - South Africa. This will include learning about its history, music, art and wider culture.

Maths and English

Your child will be learning about African stories and storytelling culture in English lessons. In maths they will be working on number, place value and rounding, mental calculation, multiplication and division, properties of shapes, measurement and fractions.

PE kits

Please could I remind you that a full school PE kit is required for PE lessons which includes a separate pair of PE trainers. If your child does not currently have the school PE kit this can be bought from the school office. PE kit should be in school Monday-Friday. May I also remind children with long hair that it must be tied back for PE, and that jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

Swimming

Blue 2 will be swimming on Thursday mornings from after February half term to the end of the year. Please ensure that your child has a swimming costume, towel, goggles and swimming cap for these sessions. If your child is unable to swim for a medical reason please could you put send this in writing to me either in person or via the office.

Morning Routine

The school gates will now open at 8:35 am and the doors will open at 8:40, school will begin promptly at 8:50 for the register. You are welcome to drop your child off at the door to the cloakroom and assist them in the cloakroom if required, but in order to comply with safeguarding regulations, please do not enter the toilets or the rest of the school.

At the end of the day, your child will be let out of the classroom via the white

classroom door nearest to the playground. If you have made other plans for your child getting home, please could you inform me or the teaching assistant.

Shoes for school

Children no longer need separate indoor and outdoor shoes, we would recommend a stable and robust shoe which is appropriate for both climates. The school requests that no flip-flops or crocs be worn in school. As the weather deteriorates, please provide a pair of wellies or shoes for the rain or snow.

Reading Record

This year each child will have a reading record. They can record when they have read at home and how much. Please could you ensure that your child brings this to school each day.

Drinks bottles

Please can all children bring a drinks bottle to school, to be filled with water. Water fountains are available around the school for these to be re-filled.

Thank you, I look forward to an excellent term and to getting to know you all better as the year progresses.

Yours sincerely
Miss Sunderland (Blue 2 Teacher)