

# 4CM Newsletter

Autumn Term September – December 2018

Dear 4CM parents and carers,

Welcome back to new year at Phil and Jim School! We wanted to take the opportunity to say how much we are looking forward to working with your child and you this year. We also thought that this would be an opportune moment to communicate some details which may be of interest.

Mr Carter teaches Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Gould teaches Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

## Communication

If you have any queries, please email the office with your concerns, these emails will be passed on to us and we will aim to respond within 48 hours.

Alternatively, feel free to arrange a chat with either of us by phone or in person.

## Topic this term

Phil and Jim School is embarking upon an exciting whole-school focus on China! We are looking forward to exploring more about its history, music, art and wider culture. If you have any knowledge or experience that may assist us in this topic, please feel free to contact us.

## Maths and English

Your child will be learning about stories based in China. In maths they will be working on number, place value and rounding, mental

calculation, multiplication and division, properties of shapes, measurement and fractions. We will continue to practise our times tables in class and we will be encouraging children to revise them at home.

## PE kits

Please could we 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 we also remind children with long hair that it must be tied back for PE, and that jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

## Swimming

4CM will be swimming on Thursday mornings between September and February half term. The first session will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September. 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 us either in person or via the office.

## Morning Routine

The school gates will now open at 8:40 am and 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 as a matter of safeguarding 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 cloakroom door. If you have

made other plans for your child getting home, please could you inform us or the teaching assistant.

## Shoes for school

We would recommend a stable and robust shoe which is appropriate for all climates. The school requests that no flip-flops or crocs be worn, and that shoes worn for school be secure on your child's feet. 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 if this has been to an adult. It is beneficial for all children to read aloud an adult regardless of their fluency. 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, we look forward to an excellent term and to getting to know you all better as the year progresses.

Yours sincerely

Mr Carter and Mrs Gould

