



SS PHILIP & JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## 4A Newsletter

### Autumn Term September – December 2019

Dear 4A Parents and Carers,

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

#### **Communication**

If you have any queries, please email the office with your concerns, these emails will be passed on to me and I will aim to respond within 48 hours. Alternatively, feel free to arrange a chat by phone or in person at the end of the day.

#### **Focus this term**

Our focus this term will be based around the text *Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll, which the class teacher will be reading in class. We will be using this to explore the history, music, art and wider culture of Ancient Egypt. If you have any knowledge or experience that may assist us in this topic, please feel free to contact me.

#### **Maths and English**

In English, your child will be learning about stories based in the setting of Ancient Egypt. 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.

#### **Learning at home**

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 to an adult regardless of their fluency. Please could you ensure that your child completes this and brings it to school each day.

A task on the week's learning will be set on a Friday and due in on the following Wednesday.

#### **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 following provider:

<https://www.bluebloodsports.co.uk/st-philip-and-st-james-school> 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**

4A will be swimming on Thursday mornings from February for the second half of the academic year.

## **Morning routine**

The main school gates open at 8.40 am. If you want to inform me about a change in pick up arrangements for that day, there will be a sheet displayed for you to complete. We ask where possible that you don't come into the cloakroom because it's very busy and we want the children to have a calm start to the day.

Morning registration opens at 8.50am when the school gates will be closed. After this point, your child needs to come into school via the school office. If your child arrives at school after registration has closed at 9.00am, they will be marked in as late.

The school day ends at 3.05pm when your child must be picked up by an adult if they are not transferring to an after school club. Please wait for your child in the courtyard outside their classroom where your child's teacher will dismiss him or her from the classroom door. If you would like your child to be regularly collected by another adult, again please email the office team who will pass this information on to me.

We understand that there are times when you may be a few minutes late picking up your child at the end of the day. Any child who has not been picked up will be taken to the school office. Unfortunately, we do not have enough staff in the office to supervise children so any child who is still in the office at 3.15pm will be transferred to after school club and you will be charged the emergency after school club rate of £15.00.

## **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.

## **German**

This term, children will continue learning with the puppets Felix and Franzi in Year 4. They will revise vocabulary previously learnt and learn new vocabulary including higher numbers and days of the week.

## **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,

Mr Ansell