



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

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5S Newsletter

Autumn Term September – December 2019

Dear 5S Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a fantastic summer. Welcome back to a new school year at Phil and Jim!

I thought that this would be a good moment to communicate some details which may be of interest about the coming year.

Communication

If you have any queries or wish to make an appointment, please feel free to email the office. I will endeavour to reply to any emails within 48 hours.

Topic this term

This term, Year 5 will be learning all about the Vikings. We are all very excited about exploring this fascinating period of history. We will be engaged in a variety of activities, including: investigating Viking invasions and settlements; making our own Viking longboats; learning about Viking belief systems; finding out about how Viking people lived and making Viking food.

Maths and English

In English, we will continue to follow Pie Corbett's Talk 4 Writing process. Narrative writing will include creating our own "Defeating the Monster" tales and "Warning" tales. Our non-fiction writing this term will be persuasive writing and non-chronological reports. Daily English lessons will also include spelling, punctuation and grammar activities. In maths, we will be looking at a wide range of skills. These will be revisited throughout the whole year. We will begin by consolidating place value and using the four operations in both written and mental methods. The aim is to be confident in these aspects so we can apply our understanding. We will also be looking at shape and measurement. Later in the term we will look at decimals and fractions.

Learning at home

Children have a reading record and are expected to be reading to an adult frequently at home. Records will be collected in on Fridays, but please ensure your child has it in school every day.

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

PE kits

Please may I remind all students and parents that a full PE kit is required for school, this includes a separate pair of PE trainers. I would also like to remind students with long hair that it must be tied back for PE, and that jewellery must be removed for PE lessons. PE will

happen every **Monday** and **Friday**. Please visit the school website if you would like to purchase a Phil and Jim P.E top.

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 them to walk home by themselves, please email the school office giving permission for that to take place. 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

Students and parents are reminded that no flip-flops or crocs should be worn in school, and that shoes worn for school must be sensible and be secure on your child's feet. Also, as the weather gets wetter and colder throughout the term, it may be a good idea to have a pair of wellies for the rain or snow.

German

This term, children will use their German language and IT skills to take on the challenge of The Language Magician computer game. They will meet various challenges and need to use their language knowledge and skills to help defeat the magician and free the animals. They will receive individual feedback on their progress in German.

Drinks bottles

Please can all students bring a drinks bottle to school with them. Water fountains are also available around the school for these to be filled.

I am very much looking forward to an excellent and exciting term and teaching your wonderful children.

Miss Sunderland.