



ST. STEPHEN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Introducing the Year 5 Staff:

Teachers	Support Staff
Miss Cullen	Mrs Nicholls
Miss Jackson	Mrs Fewins
Miss McHaffie	Mrs Beaney
Mr Martin	Mrs Attwell

We welcome you to the beginning of an exciting and promising school year, and hope that you find the following information useful in explaining some of the procedures for Year 5 pupils.

Communication

We will be continuing the use of Class Dojo as a communication and reward system in Year 5. The children will have the opportunity to earn dojos for a variety of different achievements during the school day. New classes have been set up so you can share your child's achievements as well as effectively communicate with your child's class teacher. If you are having any difficulties accessing Class Dojo please speak to your child's class teacher.

Multiplication and Spelling Tests

The National Curriculum expectation is that children will know all of their multiplication facts to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. In order to fully access the Year 5 Maths curriculum, it is important that this expectation has been met, and therefore we place a high emphasis on children being able to recall both the multiplication and division facts to 12x12. Children will be tested weekly (**Friday**) on a specific table, continuing with the times table they ended Year 4 on. Children are encouraged to continue their engagement with Times Tables Rockstars to support their times tables knowledge.

Equally important, is the expectation that children learn their weekly spellings that will be given out on a **Tuesday**. These will be tested in school on the following **Monday**. Children will continue to be tested on their 'Badge Spelling' termly, again continuing with the Badge they ended Year 4 on. We will continue to encourage your child to use Spelling Shed as a platform to support their learning of spelling. If you have any queries regarding spelling in Year 5, please contact your child's class teacher.

Homework

For homework in Year 5, we ask that children continue reading daily. As stated above, they should be practising spellings and times tables at home. In the near future, children will be given a Grammar work book where they will be asked to complete tasks as homework. These tasks will be set on a **Thursday** and must be returned by the following **Tuesday**.

Equipment

We ask that your child is adequately equipped for school so that they have the tools to help them learn.

The following stationary must be brought into school as a minimum expectation:

- Handwriting pen (this can be black or blue)
- Pencil
- Ruler (ideally 30cm)
- Glue stick
- Sharpener

- Rubber
- Coloured pencils (optional)

Pencil cases, containing most of the above, can be purchased from the school office (pens can also be purchased individually).

This year, we continue to have high standards for uniform. Please ensure that your child is sent to school wearing the correct uniform (including shoes) and that all their uniform is clearly labelled with their full name.

PE day

PE day is on a **Wednesday**. We are continuing to ask children to come into school wearing their PE kits in preparation for the lesson that day. See below for details regarding PE kit:

- PE t-shirt in house colour (available from the school office)
- Black shorts and/or joggers.
- Trainers/sports shoes (no studs, please)

Any piercings should be removed for PE lessons. If unable to be removed, tape should be provided to ensure they are covered for the lesson.

Children are also expected to bring a water bottle into school every day.

Educational Trips

We are hopeful that we will provide children with a range of experiences that will support their learning in Year 5. Further details will follow throughout the year.

Rewards

Alongside the Class Dojo system, children will be recognised throughout the year for demonstrating excellent effort, attitude and achievement as well as our new school values. These will be celebrated during Year group assemblies in addition to whole school assemblies.

I am very much looking forward to working, once again, with you and your children in the coming year. If at any time, you have a query or concern, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Cullen
Head of Year 5