



Welcome back to Falcon Junior School

Welcome back to the new school year! We are already extremely impressed with the positivity the children in Year 4 are displaying both in class and around the school. The Year 4 team are looking forward to working closely with you and your children throughout the year. Below we have set out a few expectations to help ensure the year is a successful one for all.

There are three Year 4 classes:

Class	Teaching Staff	Teaching Assistants
Goldfinches	Mrs Austin (Year Lead)	Mrs Paterson Mrs Ross Mrs Barber Mr McKay
Hérons	Miss Sturgeon	
Warblers	Mr Welford	

P.E

On both morning and afternoon PE, children should come to school in their team coloured PE/Games uniform and will remain in them for the whole day. No football shirts to be worn. Please ensure your child dresses appropriately for the weather as much of their time will be spent outside. Earrings should not be worn on these days due to health and safety, unless they can be removed prior to the lesson by the child. If your child's ears are newly pierced, they should bring their own medical tape into school with which they can cover their own earrings – school will not provide this. All 3 classes have their morning PE lesson on a **Wednesday**

Year group afternoon PE for all classes – **Monday**

Home/School Communication

Many of you have already joined your child's Class Dojo and we would encourage those who have not yet joined to register as this offers a messaging system direct to the class teacher – please speak to the class teacher if you need information on this. Messages sent during the school day may not always be read by the class teacher as they are busy teaching - if messages are urgent, please contact the school office. Teachers will check Dojo between the hours of 8:00 and 5:00 and may take up to 48hrs to respond.

Parent's evening will take place in the Autumn term and we look forward to meeting you to discuss your children. Please do not hesitate to catch us after school if you have any questions or concerns.

Homework

Reading:

Children are expected to read regularly at home and quiz on their books using the Accelerated Reader system. This will be monitored in school by the class teacher who will check that the children are choosing books at the correct level and achieving well. Your child will be set a reading target through AR and will be rewarded for meeting and exceeding this.

Spelling:

Weekly spellings will be provided which follow a year group spelling pattern being taught in class and 6 of an appropriate level. These should **be brought into school daily** to be checked and rewards will be given.

Times Tables:

Later in the year, the children will all sit the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) which is a statutory governmental check. Children are being taught times tables in school and have daily practice of these. We would also encourage regular use of TTRS to support the consolidation of their in-school learning. All children have a log in and will use this weekly in school too.

Credit system

Children will receive credits for effort over and above the expected.

Pupils continue to work towards earning Falcon Stars by demonstrating good effort, progress and excellence in their learning across the curriculum and these will be reviewed frequently to ensure all pupils are given the opportunity, within school, to have their achievements recognised.

Lunches/snacks

We would like to remind you that Falcon is a **nut free school** and children should not bring nut products in their school lunches please due to several members of the school community having intolerances and allergies. Children are able to bring in snacks for the morning break and we would like to encourage healthy options such as fruit and vegetables please.

How Hill

There will be a residential trip to How Hill in April and we will be inviting you in to a meeting to show you the great opportunities this provides the children not only in supporting their academic learning but also developing the personal growth and development. Dates for this to follow.

We hope the information we have provided in this letter will answer most of the questions you may have at this stage of the term. If you do have further questions or concerns, please contact us via emailing the office, messaging on Class Dojo or by seeing us at the end of the school day.

We look forward to working closely with you and your child this year.

The Year 5 Team

Diary dates:

School Photos (individual) – 18th Sept

Flu vaccinations – Tues 22nd Sept

Book Fair – Thurs 8th – Tues 13th Oct

Bikeability – Mon 12th Oct

Parents' Evening – Thurs 15th Oct and Tues 3rd Nov

End of half term – Thurs 22nd Oct

Return to school – Mon 2nd Nov