



## **Welcome to Eagle Class**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 6! I hope that your child will settle in quickly and is very happy throughout their time in Eagle Class. I am delighted to be teaching the children this year for what will be an exciting year with so many fascinating and fun things for the children to learn as they learn greater independence, in preparation for secondary school. The purpose of this letter is to tell you a bit about the basic class routines, how you can help your child at home and topics we will cover this year.

Year 6 is a chance to learn greater independence skills and prepare for the move to secondary school. These learning opportunities will be a focus in our class throughout the year. If your child walks to school or walks home from school on their own and has a mobile phone, the school mobile phone agreement should be completed and returned to the school office please.

### **Teaching staff**

I will be teaching Eagles each day with the help of Mrs Freedman and Mrs Smith.

Mrs Pascal will be teaching the class during my planning time on Wednesday afternoons.

### **PE**

This year our PE days will be on **Wednesdays and Fridays commencing w/b 8<sup>th</sup> September**. Children should **come to school wearing their PE kit** on these days. We will, of course, inform you in advance if there are any changes to PE days. An overview of the school PE kit can be found on the [school website](#). Plain black hoodies should be worn please.

### **Homework**

Homework will be **given on a Thursday** and must be **handed in by the following Tuesday**. The children will have a piece of spelling, maths and either reading or grammar to complete. This will be in line with the curriculum.

Children should be reading every day, filling in their reading diary and returning it to school each day. They will have opportunities during the week to change their books. During the school holidays, I may set the children a task relating to their history, geography or art topic. I will email this information to you when I set this work.

Each week I will publish a 'Sneak Peak for the Week' so that you are aware of what we will be learning each week.

## **Mobile Phones**

Where children have their own devices at home, we encourage parents to take an active role in checking these devices, apps, messages and platforms regularly. We will be discussing our Acceptable Use agreement with the children in class and ask that you discuss these safety guidelines and age ratings with your child. More information about Online Safety can be found on our [school website](#).

If your child would like to bring their mobile phone to school, a mobile phone agreement will need to be signed. Copies of the agreement will be sent home with the children and should be returned to the school office when completed.

## **Equipment**

The children only need a book bag or a **small** rucksack to carry their belongings otherwise the cloakroom gets very crowded! It is vital come to school with the correct equipment daily.

This year the PTA will be funding stationary for the children. **There is no need for children to bring stationary to school.**

## **Amazon Wishlist**

This year the class Amazon wishlists will be returning. Everything on here will be used to aid the children's learning and classroom environment. More information with links etc will be sent out in due course.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year, to get the best out of their learning and development. If you have any worries or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or the school. I will get back to you as soon as I can, in person, on the phone, or via email.

## **Welcome Meeting & PGL Information Meeting**

Parents are invited to our Welcome Meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm. This will be a chance to hear more about the curriculum and the learning focus for the year as well as hearing information about the PGL residential trip. Parents will be able to join the meeting in-person in the classroom, or can join via TEAMS. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer supervision for children during the meeting time, so joining on TEAMS may be an option if there are any problems with childcare.

Best wishes

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