



Parents' Transition Information

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Welcome to Year 4

Welcome



The aim of this short PowerPoint is to provide you a guide to the expectations in Year 4 so that your child is fully prepared to start in September.

Mrs Mahoney

Expectations

At St. Joseph's we pride ourselves in maintaining high expectations and appreciate your support with these too.

- Children in neat and tidy **full uniform** every day with correct socks and black shoes.
- Only **one pair of plain, round stud earrings** (no shapes or patterns) in the lobes of the ears. Watches are allowed but not smart watches in which messages can be sent and received
- Please do not get your child's ears pierced during school time. It must be done in the six week holiday and the children must be able to take the earrings out and put them in for PE sessions independently. Staff are not allowed to touch the piercings.
- No other jewellery is allowed
- No nail varnish allowed
- No extreme hair styles – tram lines etc.
- Long hair must be tied back (for girls AND boys).



Expectations Continued

As you already know, as parents, you are the primary educators of your children. You all play a crucial role in the education of your children along with us all here at St. Joseph's.

- Please ensure you are encouraging your child to be independent e.g. carrying their own bags into school, getting their PE bags ready for the correct days, having the equipment they need, handing in their homework on time etc.
- Key Stage 1 children should be able to cut up their own food at dinner times unless they have a particular need in being able to do this
- Reading, writing and maths activities should be encouraged at home. (more to follow in the upcoming slides)
- Pencil cases should be manageable size (Key Stage 2 only)
- Please encourage children to look after their belongings
- Everything should be labelled



Homework

- It is vital that parents display a positive attitude to homework and value its importance. It is also important for parents to recognise that it is the children's responsibility to complete work too.
- If parents feel that the homework is insufficient for their child's needs, they are encouraged to take responsibility for the child's learning themselves (as co-educators with the school), by visiting the local library, providing other educational opportunities by visiting local places of interest or by buying homework books from local bookshops.
- Teachers will be more than happy to provide you with a list of educational websites to help with homework and revision.
- If parents have any queries or questions about homework, they should, in the first instance, contact the child's class teacher.

Pupils with special educational needs

- We set homework for all children as a normal part of school life. We ensure that all tasks set are appropriate to the ability of the child. If a child has special needs, we endeavour to adapt any task set so that all children can contribute in a positive way.

Homework in Key Stage 2

We have a consistent approach to homework across our four Key Stage 2 classes.

- **Reading should be completed every night and recorded in their reading record.**
- **Times tables should be learnt by heart (by the end of Year 4, children should know ALL times tables up to 12 x 12 in and out of order)**
- **Spellings should be learnt every week.**
- Any online homework, such as Education City and Times Tables Rock stars, should be completed when set. Opportunities will be provided for children who do not have access to the internet or parents should visit the local library with their children to use the computers free of charge. Children can access these resources independently even when homework is not set.
- Any other topic work/project work should be completed when set (usually over the course of a number of weeks).
- Children in Year 6 may be given more if it is felt it will support their learning as they approach the National Assessments.

- **Weekly Swimming Lessons**

The children will continue to attend a weekly swimming lesson each Friday. They must ensure they have their swimming kits in school, if for any reason they are not able to swim, a letter must be handed in to the school office prior to their lesson.

- **Year 4 Times Table Check**

At the end of Year 4, children will take part in the national times table check. Therefore they need to know all tables up to 12 x 12, in and out of order.

- **Year 4 Homework**

Home work will be set each Friday. Sheets will be inside the children's homework books and work completed to a high standard in their books. Spellings and sentences will need to be handed in each **Wednesday.**

A **times table test** will take place each **Friday**, based upon the table set the week before.

Your new teacher is Mrs Mahoney

I live in Stourbridge with my husband and my four children. I love Stourbridge, particularly Mary Stevens Park and the Coffee Lounge in Oldswinford!

I am scared of heights and rollercoasters!!

I love reading, cycling and travelling to new places and experiencing different cultures.

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends.



In Year 4, I am looking forward to welcoming you all into your new class and encouraging and supporting you all to do your very best!

My favourite food is pizza, mozzarella and tomato salad and chocolate!

Growing up, my family ran a hotel in The Mumbles in Wales. I loved this as we had lots of different children staying at the hotel for me to play with. Later we moved to Hampshire and I lived at a golf course, I would collect all the lost golf balls and sell them to the golfers!

Any Questions?



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