

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to an exciting new school year. I am very much looking forward to having your child join our class for this forthcoming year. Year 5 will be supported by Miss Phillips all week and Ms Malein and Mrs King will also have a regular teaching role with our class.

We have a busy year ahead that will include Bike-ability, not to mention the extensive Millfields Inspired **Widening Horizons** programme of educational school visits, which will give an insight into a variety of careers. Both of these enriching opportunities will be free of charge. Confirmed dates are shown below:

Tuesday 24th September 2024	Morgan Sindall	Walking - no lunch required
Thursday 10th October 2024	Cattewater Harbour Commissioners	Walking - packed lunch required
Wednesday 29th January 2025	Foot Anstey	Coach pick up - lunch provided
Thursday 20th March 2025	Real Ideas	Walking - no lunch required
Wednesday 7th May 2025	Plymouth Citybus	Bus pick up - packed lunch required
Thursday 12th June 2025	Plymouth Argyle	Coach pick up - no lunch required

Throughout the year we will build upon all the skills and hard work the children achieved in Year 4, with an even bigger focus on Reading and Writing. Our topic theme for the Autumn term is 'Small steps for Mankind' which will offer a balanced and enriching curriculum that caters for the diverse interests of the children. Through a study of Ancient Benin, Space exploration and the book 'Holes', we will be looking for ways to answer the big question: What can we learn from the past to guide our future?

**Additional important dates and information:**

If your child has an asthma pump, please send it in with a spacer and the nurse's action plan that would have been written specifically for your child.

New school hours: 8.45am - 3.15pm (Children arriving later than 8.55am will be marked as late)

Year 5 Class Assembly: Wednesday 13th November 2024

Year 5 Parents Consultation Evening: Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th October 2024.

**Uniform & Routines:**

Children should come to school daily in the correct St Andrew's uniform (including black leather/leather effect shoes). P.E. kits should be brought in on Monday and be left in school to be taken back home for the weekend. Kits should consist of navy blue shorts, white t-shirt and black plimsolls or trainers. Tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts may be worn outside when the weather is colder but must be in St Andrew's colours. Year 5's P.E. days are Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure all your child's belongings have clear name labels.

Homework/Spellings will usually be given out on Fridays, to be completed and handed in by the following Wednesday, ready for a spelling test the same day. We also encourage all children to continue regular practice of their times-tables for a weekly test on a Tuesday.

We all believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for the success of the children, so please feel free to reach out to us with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Kind regards,

Mr Napier and the Year 5 team.