



ST JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Alder

At the start of this new school year, I thought it would be helpful to let you know some useful information.

School will be starting at the normal time. Doors will be opened at 8:40 and school will start at 8:50. If you are late you must go to the office.

Playtime will be at 10:20. The children have a long time to wait until lunch time so, they are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit or a healthy snack bar to eat.

P.E

On PE days, children will be able to come into school already dressed for PE. The children need to make sure that they still have their school jumper on but, they may come in wearing a black/navy tracksuit, jogging bottoms and trainers.

P.E during Autumn term will be on a **Tuesday and Thursday** and will start this week (04/09/20)

P.E during Spring and Summer terms will be on a **Tuesday and Friday**.

Swimming

Alder Class will be having swimming lessons during the Autumn Term 2023 on a Thursday. Our first session will be on **Thursday 21st September** and this will be an assessment lesson to sort out the groups ready for the spring term. The dates we will be attending will be **28/09, 05/10, 12/10, 19/10, 02/11, 09/11, 16/11, 23/11, 30/11**.

Ribblesdale Pool have asked for the children to arrive 'beach ready' if possible as we only have 5 minutes changing time before and after the swimming lessons. Therefore, it would be helpful if your child could wear their swimwear to School under their PE kit on a Thursday. Please don't forget to bring underwear to change into after swimming.

The following advice is from Ribblesdale Pool:

Recommended clothing;

o Boys - Trunks, lycra shorts above the knee or swimming shorts above the knee with the netting inside.

o Girls - a one piece swimming costume.

Pupils with long hair should have it secured with a hair band/bobble or a swimming cap.

All jewellery should be removed because of the potential for injury to wearer and other children. In circumstances where stud earrings can't be removed, we will allow children to swim if the earrings are made safe i.e. covered up with a plaster.

If your child needs an inhaler, this must be with them when they go swimming.

Homework

Spellings will be sent out on a Monday and the test will be on a Friday.

Reading books will be changed once a week. I expect the children to read their home reading book at least once a week and I will be checking reading records.

In addition, each half term, the children will focus on a Maths Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRF) to practise and learn at home. This will be available on SeeSaw. They should also log on to Times Tables Rockstars as often as possible.

Ten minutes practise every day really does make a difference.

I will be sending the children's log ins home on Friday.

We do value your help and support with these important areas of the curriculum.

Walking home

I am aware that there might be some children walking home from school by themselves. If your child will be walking home by themselves, please can I have a written letter or fill out the online form.

Medication/ allergies

Please can you make sure that if your child requires any medication (inhalers etc), please can they be brought into school. If your child has any severe allergies, please can you also make me aware of these.

During the school year your child will be involved in food activities to support learning in different curriculum areas. They will be designing, making and tasting different types of food. If your child has any allergies, intolerance, dietary requirements or if you would prefer your child to not participate, please can you fill in the online form that has been sent out to you.

If you have any queries regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact me via the class email (AlderClass@st-james.lancs.sch.uk) or book an appointment with me and I will be happy to discuss any issues.

Yours Sincerely

Miss C White (Class Teacher)