



ST JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Rowan and Sycamore Classes!

Welcome back to school. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready to have lots of fun and learn lots of new things. We know that you will all be very happy in school this year, but if there is anything at all that you are worried about, please come and let us know. We will always try our best to help.

Mr Shuttleworth will be the class teacher for Sycamore supported by Mrs Leach. Mrs Peachey will be the class teacher for Rowan supported by Mrs Cherry, Mrs Simpson and Mrs. Fitzgerald. Mrs Sharp will be teaching Sycamore class on Monday and Thursday afternoons and Mrs Leach on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Mrs Ahmed will also be working with Year 6 in the afternoons.

We thought it would be helpful to let you know the topics for this coming year (see attached curriculum overview sheet). Any information your child may find on the topics could be brought into school to show the class, if they wish to do so.

Pencils and Pencil Cases:

All the pens and pencils that you will need this year are already in our classrooms. This means that you do not need to bring in extra pencil cases, pens or pencils but if you do choose to do so then please ensure your handwriting pen is blue.

PE days:

PE days for Rowan will be Wednesday and Friday and Sycamore will be Monday and Thursday. The children will be changing in school so please make sure that your children's PE kit, along with their trainers, are clearly labelled.

Home learning:

Children will be encouraged to take reading books home each night. Please listen to your children read and discuss their books with them.

In addition, each half term, the children will focus on a Maths Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRF) to practise and learn at home. They should also log on to Times Tables Rockstars as often as possible. Ten minutes practice every day really does make a difference.

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



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5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Walking home:

We are aware that there might be some children walking home from school by themselves. If your child will be walking home by themselves; please can you fill in the online form that will be sent via the office.



Medication/Allergies:

If your child requires any medication (inhaler etc), please can you ensure that this is brought into school as soon as possible. If your child has any severe allergies, please can you make sure that the office are aware of this so that we can complete a health care plan for your child.

During the school year, your child will be involved in a variety of activities involving food to support learning in different curriculum areas. If your child has any allergies, intolerance or dietary requirements, please fill in the online form that has been sent out to you via the office.

Healthy School

May we also take this opportunity to remind you that as a Healthy School the children are encouraged to bring water to school each day, in a named bottle. They are also encouraged to bring a piece of fruit to eat at morning break.



Throughout the school year, if you have any queries regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to discuss any issues.

Warm regards,

Mr M Shuttleworth and Mrs R Peachey