

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at school! I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about the teaching and learning that will take place, as well as some of the routines for Year 5.

As usual this term will be a busy one. Each term, your child will be immersed in a topic which will be integrated and linked across the curriculum. The topics for autumn are **Earth in Space** and **South America and The Mayans**. You can see the areas and skills we will be covering on the topic web attached. I would be very grateful if you could support your child's learning by encouraging them to do a small amount of research on our topic. Any books, news articles, artefacts, pictures, etc. that they can bring in and share with the class will be very helpful and enhance our learning experience.

For the first term, **PE will be on a Monday and Friday**, switching to Thursday and Friday in Term 2. Your child should, however, have their PE kit available every day. They will need a kit bag containing: T-shirt, shorts, socks, trainers and a tracksuit for colder weather, preferably without a hood or zip (all of which should be labelled with their name). Please ensure that children have a different set of clothing, including socks and trainers, for PE. We will be using the field for games, so please bear in mind that the children may get muddy. A light, waterproof coat might also be handy. For hygiene reasons, children will not be allowed to borrow kit from their friends. If your child has pierced ears, they must either be able to take earrings out themselves, or not wear earrings to school on PE days. If ears are newly pierced and earrings are unable to be removed, micro-pore tape must be brought in for the child to use.

Please may I remind you that it is school policy that children wear the recommended school uniform as identified in our Key Stage 2 booklet (available at <http://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/>). In addition, children are allowed to wear a watch (no Smart watches capable of taking photos or videos for safeguarding reasons please) and one pair of stud earrings, which are both to be removed during PE sessions. Please ensure that children are able to remove their own earrings as staff are not allowed to do this. Please note that nail varnish and jewellery other than earrings are not allowed.

Children should have a **homework folder** in which to keep their homework book and reading books. Homework will be set on a Friday and needs to be submitted by the





following Friday. It is advised that children attempt to complete their homework over the weekend so they have the opportunity to ask for help before the deadline if they are unsure of anything. Any child who fails to complete homework in Key Stage 2 may be asked to miss a break to complete the task; if this happens regularly, parents will be informed (as per our homework policy). Children will also have regular spelling tests and times tables tests. They will be provided with everything they need for lessons and so there is no need for them to bring pencil cases to school.

As reading is a vital part of the educational experience, I suggest that your child reads at home at least four times a week. This can be both individually and reading aloud to an adult; I ask that parents sign their child's reading record when they have read at home. Year 5 will be involved in an exciting '100 Book Club' this year which they will soon be able to tell you all about.

Please remember that each class has an "**I Can Achieve**" (ICA) folder. Please remind your child to let me know if they achieve anything outside of school so that a note can be made on their page in the folder. This could be as part of a club or in swimming lessons for example.

I am available via the **Class Dojo** system so please feel free to drop me a note, alternatively, please contact the office to arrange a mutually convenient meeting if you have any questions or concerns – don't feel you have to wait for a parent's evening.

I hope to see you all at the **next parents' evening (22nd & 23rd October)** and I am looking forward to continuing to work with your child.

Best wishes,

Mrs Venessa Harvey



