

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have had a good summer and 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. Our main topic this term is The **Transatlantic Slave Trade**; this is an incredibly important topic for the pupils to study particularly as it has been prominent in the news. The children will be looking at Bristol's role in the slave trade, the treatment of slaves and the legacy. Our science topic is **forces**. We have included a knowledge organiser for the term, which the children will be using to support their learning.

Our P.E. days are **Wednesday** (outside) and **Thursday** (in the hall); it is important that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days as they will not be able to change in school. Please ensure that they have the appropriate P.E / Games clothing and that they do not wear jewellery that they cannot take off themselves (only stud earrings are allowed in school). Should your child be unable to participate in P.E, please send a note with your child explaining the reason. Please consider the weather when selecting their PE kit as they will be wearing it all day.

To avoid the need for physical items to be brought to and from school, initially homework will consist of Times Tables Rockstar practise, spelling practise and daily reading for at least 20 minutes and will be set via Class Dojo. The children will be encouraged to embark on home projects related to the curriculum but these can be submitted via Class Dojo in the form of photos. We will inform you when this changes and we can return to more formal homework routines.

Please send your child to school with two filled, named water bottles so they have access to water throughout the day.

Cloakrooms will not be in use and children will only need to bring a packed lunch (if needed), their inhalers (if needed), their coat and two water bottles into school.

We would also ask that you update the office with any medical needs your child may have. We need to be aware of any allergies or changes in medical condition. If your child requires





an inhaler, please make sure that an up-to-date inhaler (labelled with your child's name) is sent into school as soon as possible. There is a form available in the office for you to complete should you need to update us with anything medical. Equally, please ensure emergency contact details are up-to-date should we need to contact you.

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 telephone call if you have any questions or concerns – please don't feel you have to wait for a parents' evening.

Best wishes,

Mrs Venessa Harvey

