

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have had a lovely break, we are looking forward to welcoming your children into their new classes! We thought that we would update you with some key information about Year 4.

**Snacks and water** – Please could we ask that children bring a fruit or vegetable snack in to eat at playtimes. Children should also bring a water bottle to school so that they can access water easily throughout the day and during lessons.

**Art** – Please could your child bring an old shirt or apron to school for our art lessons as we do sometimes use acrylics or pastels which can be tricky to get out of clothes. These should be kept on their pegs.

**P.E:**

*Cedar Class* will have outdoor PE on Thursdays and indoor PE on Fridays.

*Cypress Class* will have indoor PE on Tuesdays and swimming on Thursdays. **The first swimming lesson for Cypress Class will be this Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September.**

For swimming lessons the children should bring their kit with them to school in a bag, ready to change at the pool. This should be trunks (not below the knee) or a one-piece swimming costume, as well as a hat (which can be bought at the school office for £1) and a towel. Many children also choose to wear goggles, but this is optional.

This year, following feedback, **we have decided to ask children to come to school on PE days in their PE kit.** This should be a plain t-shirt and shorts (ideally white, but grey or green are also acceptable as they are our school colours). If children prefer, particularly for outdoor PE in colder weather, they might wear leggings or jogging bottoms/tracksuit trousers instead, as well as a hoodie or sweatshirt - again, we would ask that as far as possible they are in school colours of white, grey or green.

Long hair needs to be tied back, and watches or jewellery (such as earrings) should be removed (or taped over if this is not yet possible). Very importantly, the children need **appropriate footwear, ie plimsolls or trainers** available at all times, as when the children do not have PE, they will have a daily run.

As the children will be coming to school on PE days in their kit and then going home in the same clothes at the end of the day, there will be no need to have their PE kit in school, stored on their peg.

Please feel free to come and see us if you have any further questions, we look forward to getting to know you all.

Thanks,

Year 4 Teachers