



Year 3 and 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents

I write as we have begun the final term of the academic year to tell you a little of what will be happening in Years 3 and 4 during the action-packed summer term. As we anticipate some warmer weather, there is plenty of sport to look forward to; including cricket, rounders and athletics and, of course, Sports Day. In Year 3, we will also be investigating (and tasting!) chocolate and, by the time you receive this, Year 4 will already have enjoyed their visit from Thorulf Hammrson for their Viking Day.

Attached to this newsletter are some more brief details aimed at providing you with further information specific to Years 3 and 4 regarding the topics to be covered and any planned events in the coming weeks. Please bear in mind that any information and dates provided are correct at the time of writing and represent highlights rather than a comprehensive list. For more detailed information about events at the School, please continue to keep an eye out for the Headmaster's weekly newsletter, which is sent every Friday, and continue to monitor the online calendar. You can access the parents' section of the website at <https://townclose.com/parents/>.

Homework will continue to be set in the same format this term, with a 20-minute subject specific task followed by 10 minutes reading. The tasks are always put on Firefly by 4.00pm at the latest so that you can see what your child has to do and access any resources needed. Please ask your child to show you how to login to their Firefly account, which can be done from any internet enable device. Again, good nightly routines are encouraged to help the children complete their homework effectively. I would also reiterate the importance of fully completing reading homework, wherever possible in the presence of an adult who is able to discuss the book and help with answering one of the comprehension questions each night.

This time of year is the perfect time to ensure that all of your child's equipment and clothing is present and labelled, so that any missing items can be tracked down or replaced. This term the boys will have a combination of cricket, swimming and athletics, whilst the girls will have rounders, swimming and athletics. For games and athletics, both girls and boys will require their PE kit, with the girls also requiring a skort for Games. Athletics and swimming will continue to run on alternate weeks and it would be desirable for the children to have both their PE and swimming kit present at school throughout the term. As in previous terms, both boys and girls will need indoor and outdoor trainers in school at all times.

The door to the Year 3 and 4 corridor, opposite the sports hall, now opens automatically a few minutes before collection time at 4.00pm and we warmly invite you to come in at this point. The end of the day can be a very good time to catch teachers, except on the occasional day when they have an after school duty, and to look at the displays in the corridor. You will see we have added a new board showing you some of the things we are doing each week, with a rotation of pupils' work also appearing.

I wish everybody an enjoyable Summer Term.

With very best wishes,

Daniel Avenal
Head of Years 3 & 4

Topics this Term

Year 3

English lessons this term will be focused on reports, adventure and mystery stories, authors and letters and information texts. Mathematics will focus on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, symmetry, measurement, statistics & data handling, problem solving, fractions, decimals and percentages and ratio and proportion. In science, the children will be learning about forces, magnets and springs, rocks and soils and plants. We will be studying the history of chocolate and the Aztecs in history lessons. Our geography topic is rainforests and chocolate and in religious studies the children will be learning about Jesus and why some people find him inspirational.

Year 4

English lessons this term will be focused on chronological reports, playscripts and fairy stories, stories from other cultures and poetry. Mathematics will focus on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, measurement, 2D & 3D shapes, ratio and proportion, position and direction and statistics. In science, the children will continue learning about electricity and will then be learning about habitats, including classification. We will be completing our topic on invaders and will then be learning about childhood since 1945 in history. Our geography topic is the brand new topic of Australia and in religious studies the children will be learning how people express spiritual ideas through the Arts.

Further information regarding the curriculum is available in the parents' section of the website.

Important Dates	Events for Parents
Friday 21 st April – Year 4 Viking Day Monday 22 nd May – Year 3&4 Exam Week Monday 3 rd – Friday 7 th July – Art Exhibition	Monday 24 th April – Afternoon Tea for Y3-5 Parents (15:45) Monday 24 th April – Horstead Information Evening (16:30) Wednesday 26 th April – 4W Class Assembly Wednesday 3 rd May – 4MR Class Assembly Wednesday 10 th May – 4ER Class Assembly Friday 30 th June – Prep Sports Day Monday 3 rd July – School Fete (14:00)
Year 4 Horstead Residential	
The Year 4 residential visit to Horstead this year will take place from Wednesday 7 th to Friday 9 th June 2017.	
Useful Websites	
http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zbr9wmn http://home.freeuk.net/elloughton13/mexico.htm https://www.cadbury.co.uk/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/vikings/who_were_the_vikings/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/ztyr9j6 http://projectbritain.com/	http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zpb9d2p/resources/1 http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/00/earthpulse/rainforest/index_flash-feature.html http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/habitats/tropical_and_subtropical_moist_broadleaf_forests http://www.switchedonkids.org.uk/ http://www.3dgeography.co.uk/australian-geography