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## Year 3 and 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome back after what I hope was a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. I hope your children have enjoyed the first week of what will be an action-packed term. For those of you that are new to the Prep Department or to the School, I hope that any questions you may have had were answered fully and clearly during the induction sessions earlier in the week. Should you have any further questions, your child's form teacher and I will be happy to help. There will be a further opportunity to talk to the other members of staff at the 'Tea and Cake' event next Tuesday.

Attached to this newsletter are brief details aimed at providing you with further information specific to Years 3 and 4 regarding the topics to be covered and planned events this term. 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. More detailed information about events is given in the Headmaster's weekly newsletter, which is sent every Friday and I encourage you to monitor the online calendar as dates can occasionally change and new events are added regularly.

With regards to homework, your child will ordinarily be set 30 minutes' homework per evening, consisting of 20 minutes' work in English, Maths, French or 'Topic' alongside 10 minutes of reading. We encourage children to establish good homework routines and I would also reiterate the importance of them completing their reading. Wherever possible, this should be completed in the presence of an adult who is able to ask questions about the reading matter in order to develop reading comprehension skills and help your child to answer one of the questions in their reading record. We have added a homework page section to the reading records this year, to supplement the online Firefly system used by the older pupils at the school, where homework is set. The pupils new to Firefly will be taught how to use it during computing lessons.

This time of year is the perfect time to ensure that all of your child's equipment and clothing are labelled, particularly new items. We have much greater success reuniting labelled belongings with their owners!

I hope you enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

With very best wishes

Daniel Avenal  
Head of Years 3 and 4

## Topics this Term

### Year 3

English lessons this term will be focused on reports, postcards and letters, performance and shape poetry and instructions and explanations. Mathematics will focus on addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, number and place value, fractions, 2D & 3D shapes, measurement and problem solving. In science, the children will be learning about light and shadows and forces and magnets. We will be studying the Stone Age/Bronze Age and beginning to learn about the Victorians in history lessons, including looking at Victorian Christmas nearer the festive period. Our geography topics are the Earth from space and investigating the UK and in religious studies the children will be learning about Hinduism.

### Year 4

English lessons this term will be focused on traditional tales, Roman era myths and legends and newspapers and recounts. Mathematics will focus on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, ratio and proportion, measurement, statistics and problem solving. In science, the children will be learning about moving and growing including bones, muscles, vertebrates and invertebrates and the earth and beyond, which will include the solar system, night and day and the sun. We will be studying the Celts and the Roman invasion of Britain in history. Our geography topic is village settlements and investigating where our food comes from and in religious studies the children will be learning about the symbolism of light and dark in different faiths.

### Important Dates

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – OPRO Mouthguard Fittings  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Individual Photographs  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 Production Auditions  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 Production Auditions  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 Trip to Hethersett  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 Victorian Day

### Year 4 Horstead Residential

The Year 4 residential visit to Horstead will take place from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018.  
I will write to you later this term with further details.

### Events for Parents

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Tea and Cake (Y3-Y5 Parents)  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – 4ER Class Assembly  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 3A Class Assembly  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 4W Class Assembly  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Year 3 Parents' Evening  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – 4MR Class Assembly  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Grandparents' Afternoon  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 Soloists' Concert  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – The Christmas Fayre  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 3H Class Assembly  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 3V Class Assembly

### Useful Websites

<http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zbr9wmn>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z34djxs>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zg87xnb>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/celts/>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/romans/>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zkbbkqt>