



Year 4 Newsletter

September 2011

The Weekly Checklist

Here are some important things for your child to remember during the week:

EVERYDAY: Your child should always have his/her Reading Book and Reading Record in school. Also have an Art Shirt in school.

WEDNESDAY: Homework due in.

THURSDAY: Spelling test

FRIDAY: 4D,4A,4P P.E kits required. Homework set.



Welcome Back!!

We hope you all had a great summer holiday and are looking forward to a challenging, productive and enjoyable year for your child.

Autumn Term Curriculum

Our **Literacy** work this term will include word and sentence work focussing on using nouns and verbs, changing verb tenses and various spelling patterns. We shall also be reading, exploring and writing descriptions, stories, plays, poems and newspapers.

In **Maths**, we will spend the first part of each lesson teaching and revising strategies to improve pupils knowledge and understanding of mental maths skills. The main part of the lessons will involve the teaching of number, handling data, shape and space and measure throughout the term.

Science lessons will be investigating Light and Humans.

ICT Will involve manipulating text and graphics using word processing applications.

For the first half of the term, our **Geography** topic will be based around a study of the Wirral and its settlement patterns. This will involve a trip around the Wirral on *Friday 23rd September*. After half term, Year 4 will then focus on a **History** topic about Invaders and Settlers in Britain.

In other areas of the curriculum, we will study colour and the artist Matisse in **Art**; singing and composing in **Music**; Harvest, the Bible and angels in **R.E.** and Gymnastics, ball skills and swimming in **P.E.**

Targets In Numeracy and Literacy

Individual targets for your child will be set at the beginning of this term for reading, writing and maths. A copy will be sent home for your information and support.

Harvest Assembly

We are looking forward to Year 4 leading the school Harvest service. All children will be given an opportunity to participate in a variety of ways. This year we will be having a traditional Harvest Assembly. We would like to welcome you to the service on the morning of *Friday 21st October*. The service will start promptly at **9.30 a.m.** and invitations will be sent out shortly.



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Dates for Your Diary

Here are some important dates that you may wish to make a note of:

FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER: Round Wirral trip.

MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER: Individual photographs to be taken

WEEK BEGINNING 17TH OCTOBER: Parent –Teacher meetings to take place.

FRIDAY 21st OCTOBER: Harvest Festival. School closes for Half-Term.

MONDAY 31st OCTOBER: School re-opens.

MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER: Yr4 Swimming begins.

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER: Non Uniform day.

FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER: School development day.

SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER HSA Christmas fair.

WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER: Christmas Lunch.

THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER: Christmas Parties

FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER: Visiting Theatre production. School closes for Christmas holidays.



Home and School Liaison

The links between home and school are very important to us to ensure your child is making good progress and feels settled in Year 4.

If you do have any concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of your child's development with the class teacher, please call in or contact the school and we will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Homework

Homework will be set on Fridays each week and should be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. The tasks will be written in your child's homework diary and explained to them in class.

Any worksheets, information or paper to accompany work will be given out and put into their yellow homework folders.

We do ask that you support your child as much as possible with their homework and assist them in keeping their file organised. It would be helpful to them if you could set aside a regular time and a quiet place for your child to do their homework,

School Clubs.

Mr Dakin—Tag Rugby, Cross Country, Football.

Mr Holton—Football Yr 3/4 Thurs

Miss Ewen—Dance. Tue

Netball, Tennis and JM sports clubs will be resumed with details to follow.



School Development Days 2011-12:

The school will be closed to pupils for the purpose of School Development Days on: 9th December, Tuesday 3rd January 2012, Two further development days to be arranged.

Reading Record

Your child will now have a Green reading record booklet and their first yr4 school library book which should be colour coded according to their reading level. We would ask that all material your child reads (books, comics, magazines etc.) is logged in this record - even books from home or the public library. As an extra incentive, house points will be awarded to those children who are reading regularly and keeping their records up to date. This will be monitored alongside homework diaries.

Can YOU HELP??

We would be very grateful for your help with

- 1) listening to readers in school;
- 2) supporting your child to learn their spellings and times tables;
- 3) encouraging your child to read as much as possible from a wide variety of books and support the school in our reading award scheme.

If you are able to contribute in any other way, please let us know!

Many thanks, Mr S.J.Dakin, Mrs E.Avila, Mrs Parry

An online version of this letter is available on our school web site at:

www.higherbebington.wirral.sch.uk