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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the summer term of what we all hope will be a very positive rest of year! We hope you had a wonderful Easter break.

Mrs Garrod will continue to teach the class on Mondays and I am looking forward to teaching the class and getting to know them Tuesday till Fridays each week. Having spent some time with Year 5 already I can tell they are a lovely class and have very high expectations for the Summer term.

Topic

We are looking forward to our new topic on Mountains and learning about how mountains have been formed and the different features of mountain ranges. We will also investigate and evaluate the impact that tourism has on a mountainous range. If you have any expertise or love of this subject and time period, we'd love to hear from you.

In science we will be learning about living things and their habitats and forces. For one part of science, this term, please note that we will be describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

Some Reminders:

Drop-off/Pick-up & Registers

The children will continue to arrive and depart via the pedestrian gate, which opens onto the KS2 playground and field. Mrs Donaghey will be at the pedestrian gate in the mornings and the teachers will walk the children to the gate to release them at the end of the school day.

School opens for year five at 8:45am and we take the register promptly by 9:00am. The pedestrian gate will be locked at 8.55am.

We walk the children to the school gates for pick up by 3:00pm

If your child will be walking to and from school without an adult, the school requires a signed letter from the parents/carer stating that their child is allowed to do so, or email to the office. This is to ensure the safety of the child, for example, if we are aware that a child walks alone to school and they are not present at the register, we would alert the parents

immediately. Please continue to let us know if your child will be going home with someone else each day.

Communication

We welcome you to contact us with any queries or concerns through email. Please do feel free to talk to us this way. We may not be able to answer immediately, but will get back to you. For anything urgent or for something that needs to be shared immediately, you can either call the office, speak to Mrs Donaghey on the gate, who will pass on the message or send your child in with a note. You can also make an appointment with us at a mutually convenient time, by calling or emailing the office.

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Absence

Please let the office know in advance if your child has a medical or similar appointment and will need to be taken out of school or to arrive late.

If your child is ill, please ring or email the office as soon as possible on each day of absence.

Snacks

Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered to allow the children time outside in their class. Please make sure your child has a named water bottle –fresh each day and a fruit or veg snack (NO NUTS OR SEEDS please).

Equipment and clothing

PE lessons are on Tuesdays but children should come to school in clothes that are suitable for PE every day. We aren't having PE kits in school. We will continue to use our outdoor spaces as much as possible, so children need to be ready to go outside and do PE or the school mile. We also will continue with our swimming lessons on a Friday, so please remember to bring swimming things ready to go.

Suntan lotion

With the warmer weather arriving, suntan lotion is advisable. Please apply suntan lotion before your child comes to school. Children should not share lotion so if you want them to reapply, please make sure they have their own bottle in school. Lotion can be reapplied at lunchtime if necessary. Hats are also advisable as the field is very exposed during the summer months.

Symptoms

The school continues to be vigilant about Covid-19. Please do not send your child to school if they have symptoms of the virus: a high temperature or a cough or a loss of taste or

smell. If anyone in school shows any of these symptoms they will need to go home immediately.

Reading

Reading is a wonderful life skill and we want children to love reading. The more the children read, the more words they are exposed to and these words gradually and inevitably make their way into the children's vocabulary. This assists with all areas of the children's learning, helps their confidence in speaking aloud and especially helps with ideas for their writing.

There will continue to be a big focus on reading throughout the school this year. We would love the children to recommend good books that they have read, to help inspire others. Current research confirms that the most effective form of homework is reading. Children who read regularly at home will have greater success in other subjects at school. We continue to expect children to read every day at home. We have books in class and we visit the school library weekly. Please encourage your child to read at home daily.

Other Homework

Homework will be set online, through google classroom, but can be printed for any children who cannot easily access online learning on any particular week. Homework may be in the form of spellings, maths, grammar and so on. It is set on a Wednesday and due in on the following Tuesday.

Thank you for all your support. We are looking forward to having lots more interesting learning and exciting experiences together this term.

Mrs Green, Miss Thompson and Mrs Garrod

