



Eccleston St Mary's

Church of England Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs J Birchall



Welcome to Year 4

Welcome back to a new year at St Mary's! It is lovely to have so many familiar faces in the playground and at the end of the day! There are just a few things to share with you for the year ahead:

Snack

To keep those hunger pangs at bay until lunchtime, we encourage pupils to bring a small piece of fruit, or some chopped fruit in a sealed container, to enjoy at morning break.

P.E.

The children will have two P.E. lessons per week, every Wednesday with Jordan, our Sports Coach, and again on Friday mornings. Please check that your child has both trainers and pumps in their P.E bags as sessions can be either indoor or outdoor. We kindly ask that PE kits remain in school until the half term/end of term, when they will be sent home for washing.

Homework

- Over the summer we have been fortunate that our reading scheme has been rejuvenated and extended with lovely new books. We have assessed where the children are and home reading books have now been sent home. We would like every child to read for a minimum of five times per week, for at least 15-20 minutes per session. Our "Reading Raffle" (tickets earned each week for completing the five times challenge) will be continued again this year so please encourage and support this at home; fluent and confident reading permeates into so many other areas of learning.



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Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading record in school every day and ensure you enter the date, book title, pages read and the reading record is signed by an adult for each reading session.

- Our project homework is now on a termly basis, therefore there will be three over the course of the year. The first one will be shared in a few weeks' time and linked to our Geography topic of North America.

Staffing

Mrs Gates will be working alongside me in class. This year, I will be out of school every Wednesday, therefore Mrs Bannister and Mrs Birchall, alongside Jordan for PE, will be leading the class on these days.

Meet the teacher

Everyone is warmly invited to our meet the teacher session next Monday afternoon from 3.20 - 4pm for a chance to see inside the classroom and for us to chat informally.

I am really looking forward to working with you all and feel sure it will be a very positive, productive year. Please make sure that you catch me in the playground at the end of the day, should you have any questions or queries. If you wish to arrange a more formal meeting or need to pass on information about your child's absence or arrangements for picking up at home time, please contact the school office who will then pass this on to the staff in class.

Kind Regards
Mrs Barden