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**Year 4 Bronte and Pankhurst Classes Newsletter: 2nd September 2019**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting and getting to know our new classes on ‘class move up days’ and can’t wait to get started. The children will quickly get to know the expectations of year 4. If you have any worries or any questions please come and speak to one of the year 4 team before or after school.

**PE**

Year 4 will be starting the first half term with our new gymnastics coach David. This session will be every Thursday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school as it is part of school uniform. This includes; blue shorts, a white t-shirt and plimsolls/trainers.

**Swimming**

We will be going swimming at Portland Leisure Centre. **Pankhurst: Wednesday afternoon. Bronte class: Friday afternoon**. The children will walk to the leisure centre and swim from 2.30-3:00. This will mean the children will return to school later than usual. **You can either pick your child up from swimming at 3:05 or from school at 3.30 or they can walk home from school with parental permission.** A letter will be going out, please return promptly as we will need to know picking up arrangements.If you have any problems please speak to one of the year 4 team.

**Topic**

This half term's topic is called Magnificent Motors. This topic will be linked across mainly science, DT and computing. The end goal is for the children to make their own cars, using motors, to race in our grand prix at the end of the half term. We will also be going on a trip to the Nottingham industrial museum. A letter was sent out before the summer holidays. A copy can be found on our class page.

**Home work**

Children are expected to read every day and record in their diaries. They must know their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of year 4, please practice these at home with your child. On our class page there are useful links/games you may wish to go on. Children will continue to learn their vocabulary words each week, these will be tested on a Monday. There will also be a homework task booklet coming out in line with our new school homework policy. More information on this will be sent out shortly.

**Things to remember:**

**Labelling**

Please can you make sure all clothes are labelled with your child’s name including PE kits. We now have over 350 children wearing the same blue jumper which means sorting lost property is very difficult. It is your child’s responsibility to look after their own belongings.

**Website**

Check out year 4 class website page to keep up to date with things happening in Year 4. There will be useful links and resources that you can access at home and pictures of what the children have been getting up to.

**Walking home**

In year 4, children are allowed to walk home. Please let your class teacher know arrangements.

Thank you for your support

Year 4 Team.

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**Diary Dates: Autumn 2019**

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| **Date** | **Year Group** | **Time** | **Event** |
| Wednesday 11th September | Cadbury Class | 2.30pm | Gallery Event |
| Thursday 26th September | All | 3.15 – 4.00 pm | Open Afternoon*Call in to meet the adults working with your child this year, have a look at your child’s work so far and ask any questions you need to. No appointment needed – all welcome!* |
| Tuesday 1st October | Year 6 | Day | History trip to Nottingham Caves |
| Thursday 3rd October | Years 1 - 6 | AM | Harvest Celebration Assembly*Donations for the food bank welcome* |
| Friday 4th October | All | Day | School closed for one day Staff Training |
| Thursday 10th October | Cadbury Class | PM | Theatre Trip to see The Gruffalo |
| Friday 18th October | All | 3.15pm | School closes for half term break |
| Monday 28th October | All | Day | School Closed for one day Staff Training |
| Tuesday 29th October | All | 8.45 am | School re-opens |
| Monday 11th November  | All |  | National Anti-bullying Week |
| Friday 15th November | All | Day | Children in Need Charity Event |
| Wednesday 27th November | All | 2.00 – 4.30 pm | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| Thursday 28th November | All | 3.30 – 6.00 pm | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| Tuesday 10th December | Nursery & Reception | 9.30am | Early Years Christmas Nativity Show |
| Tuesday 17th December | Years 1 & 2 | tbc | Christmas Show Performance  |
| Wednesday 18th December | Years 3 - 6 | 9.5am | Family Christmas Sing-along |
| Wednesday 18th December | All | 3.15pm | School closes for Christmas Holidays |

