

# Parents' Transition Information

## July 2020

# Welcome to Year 4



# Expectations

At Our Lady of Fatima we pride ourselves in maintaining high expectations and appreciate your support with these too.

- Children in neat and tidy **full uniform** every day with correct socks and black shoes.
- Only **one pair of plain, round stud earrings** (no shapes or patterns) in the lobes of the ears. Watches are allowed but not smart watches in which messages can be sent and received
- Please do not get your child's ears pierced during school time. It must be done in the six week holiday and the children must be able to take the earrings out and put them in for PE sessions independently. Staff are not allowed to touch the piercings.
- No other jewellery is allowed
- No nail varnish allowed
- No extreme hair styles – tram lines etc.
- Long hair must be tied back (for girls AND boys).



# Expectations Continued

As you already know, as parents, you are the primary educators of your children. You all play a crucial role in the education of your children along with us all here at Our Lady of Fatima.

- Please ensure you are encouraging your child to be independent e.g. carrying their own bags into school, getting their PE bags ready for the correct days, having the equipment they need, handing in their homework on time etc.
- Key Stage 1 children should be able to cut up their own food at dinner times unless they have a particular need in being able to do this
- Reading, writing and maths activities should be encouraged at home (more to follow in the upcoming slides).
- Pencil cases should be manageable size (Key Stage 2 only)
- Please encourage children to look after their belongings
- Everything should be labelled



# Homework

- It is vital that parents display a positive attitude to homework and value its importance. It is also important for parents to recognise that it is the children's responsibility to complete work too.
- If parents feel that the homework is insufficient for their child's needs, they are encouraged to take responsibility for the child's learning themselves (as co-educators with the school), by visiting the local library, providing other educational opportunities by visiting local places of interest or by buying homework books from local bookshops.
- Teachers will be more than happy to provide you with a list of educational websites to help with homework and revision.
- If parents have any queries or questions about homework, they should, in the first instance, contact the child's class teacher.

## **Pupils with special educational needs**

- We set homework for all children as a normal part of school life. We ensure that all tasks set are appropriate to the ability of the child. If a child has special needs, we endeavour to adapt any task set so that all children can contribute in a positive way.

# Homework in Key Stage 2

We have a consistent approach to homework across our four Key Stage 2 classes.

- **Reading should be completed every night and recorded in their reading record.**
- **Times tables should learnt by heart** (by the end of Year 4, children should know ALL times tables up to 12 x 12 in and out of order)
- **Spellings should be learnt every week and should be applied correctly in sentences or a short piece of writing.**

e.g I can use the word **accident** in a sentence. X

Later on that day, I saw an **accident** on the Hagley road, luckily nobody was hurt. ✓

- Any online homework, such as Purple Mash, should be completed when set. Opportunities will be provided for children who do not have access to the internet or parents should visit the local library with their children to use the computers free of charge. Children can access these resources independently even when homework is not set.
- Any other topic work/project work should be completed when set (usually over the course of a number of weeks).

# Things to remember:

- In Year 4, your child will take a statutory Multiplication tables check. Please practise times table with your children through games, songs and Doodle!  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/multiplication-tables-check-development-process> visit this website for more information.
- Your child will also be making their First Holy Communion, hopefully in the Autumn Term. Details to follow.

# Your new teacher is Miss Boulton

**Hello, my name is** Miss Boulton. I am really looking forward to being your teacher in Year 4 and hope we can lots of fun together throughout the year!

**My favourite** home cooked meal is a Sunday Roast but I also absolutely love a Chinese takeaway.

**I have** not spent my birthday in England for many years now. I try to make it to a foreign country each year. Luckily my birthday is in August so that can be possible.

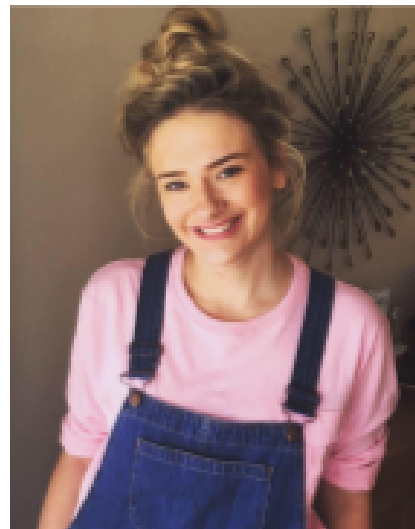
**My favourite colours are** green and pink.

**I do enjoy everyday, but my FAVOURITE day is,** Christmas Day.

**A little known fact about me...** I once stroked and Crocodile when I went to Africa and I gave an Elephant a bath in Thailand!

**I am scared of** cats and horses.

**I would love to have a** dog but I don't want to leave one on it's own all day long whilst I am teaching.



**I am very lucky because I** get to be your teacher next year.

**I love** being outside on a sunny day and having a BBQ. But, my absolute favourite is the Christmas season. I love seeing people's Christmas jumpers and singing Christmas songs! I also really enjoy cooking and cleaning.

**In Year 4 I am going to need help** with lots of jobs around the classroom. I always have something on my to-do list so I would be very appreciative of any help. I also need help making sure the classroom is always tidy and organised.

**I really enjoy** spending time with my little God-daughter. You will hear me talk about her lots!

I also love to sing, I would like to think I could sing in tune but you can be the judge of that!

**Last year I** learnt how to grow some vegetables (with the help of Mrs Levack of course).

# Any Questions?



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