

Parents' Transition Information

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Welcome to Year 5

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.

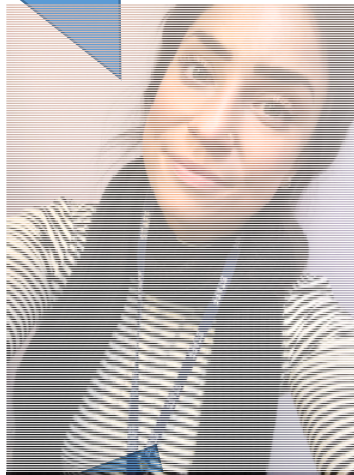
- **Reading should be completed every night and recorded in their reading record.**
- **Times tables should be learnt by heart (by the end of Year 4, children should know ALL times tables up to 12 x 12 in and out of order)**
- **Spellings should be learnt every week.**
- **Spelling each week will consist of Reading, a written activity, spellings and maths.**
- 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).

Your new teacher is ...

Hello, my name is Miss O'Connell. I am looking forward to teaching you in Year 5. I am just going to tell you a few things about myself.

In Year 5 I am going to need help with all the jobs around the classroom—personal assistant needed!
I have worked in Year 5 previously (many years ago) so will need help with all the new things we will experience together.

I am scared of spiders, sharks and having my photo taken!
I would love to visit every country in the world.
My favourite dinner at home is most things—I LOVE food.



I love chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate!

Despite my great love for chocolate, there are many other things I love: reading—if you don't, I truly believe it's because you haven't found the right book.

Travelling—you can learn so much from experience life (even for a snapshot of time) somewhere else in the world.

Cooking—especially for other people, more so if they do the washing up!

My favourite colour has always been green
I do enjoy everyday, but my FAVOURITE day is, Christmas Day as I love spending time with my family.

A little known fact about me... I used to own a horse.

I really enjoy anything which involves a bit of competition! :)

Last year I wrote a diary about the positive things which had happened each day- it made me appreciate the small things which sometimes we take for granted.

I am very lucky because I have the most amazing family, friends and colleagues, who are so supportive, caring and fun to be around.

Any Questions?



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