



Learning God's Way

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable summer and feel ready to start the new school year. As we begin the autumn term, we would like to take the opportunity to let you know some important information about the organisation of Year 5 and other matters.

Reading

We expect the children to continue with regular reading at home and writing in their diaries to show what they have read. We would expect the children to read at least five times at home during the week – at least twice to an adult- for a period of ten minutes (or more!). We will look at reading diaries on a Thursday so we can see what books the children have been reading and the lovely comments they have written. We welcome parents to write comments in their children's diaries, but would also like children to write in at least three comments a week themselves. If you would like to come in and help with reading or other activities within the class, please do let the class teacher or office staff know.

Home learning

Homework will be set each week. New homework will be set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday. The children will have reading, spellings and times tables to practice.

PE

We expect PE kit to be in school at all times for PE opportunities outside of our timetable. Please ensure their PE kit consists of St Margaret's top or a plain white T-shirt, plain navy shorts/ jogging bottoms and suitable trainers. They can also bring in a suitable jumper for the colder months. Long hair must be tied back and any jewellery removed. For health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed or covered during the lesson with tape, which must be provided from home. This is to prevent injury during activities. If your child is unable to do PE for a particular reason, we would ask that a note is given to your child's class teacher with details about this otherwise we will assume that the children are able to participate.

Art/Create

We would appreciate if the children were able to bring in an apron/old oversized adult shirt for our Create topic as we will be doing some messy work at times. This apron can be hung on the children's pegs or stored in their PE bags.

Uniform

It is imperative that all the children's uniform is labelled to help reunite lost items with their owners in a quick and easy fashion. This should include shoes. All long hair should be tied back neatly for school lessons, as well as for PE, as per the school's uniform policy.

Mobile Phones

Children who have to bring in their phone because they walk independently to and from school must give their phone to their class teacher each morning, who will keep it in a phone box until the end of the day. It should be turned off whilst in school. Please note phones are brought to school at their owner's risk.

Communication

Please come to us with any questions or concerns, which we would be happy to discuss with you. We respectfully ask you to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance, as we are best placed to address your query. You can catch us on the playground at the end of the day, we can be contacted via the school office, or an email can be sent to the following addresses:

Amberley Class – amberley@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk

Lewes Class – lewes@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk

Meet the Teacher

We will be having a 'Meet the Teacher' session on Friday 20th September at 2.30pm. You are invited to come for an informal chat with your child's class teacher to give you an idea of what to expect whilst your child is in Year 5.

We look forward to working with you and your child over the coming academic year!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Joice
Amberley Class

Mr Carton
Lewes Class