



Parents' Transition Information

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Welcome to Year 4

Welcome



The aim of this short PowerPoint is to provide you a guide to the expectations in Year 4 so that your child is fully prepared to start in September. I cannot wait to be their teacher next academic year!

Miss Gibbons

Your new teacher is Miss Gibbons

Hello, my name is Miss Gibbons. I am excited that my first year of teaching is with Year 4, especially because I have already worked with you in Year 3!

My favourite subject is maths and I love finding creative ways to teach it so that everyone can understand it and hopefully enjoy it like I do!

I really enjoy spending time with my family and was excited to become an auntie for the first time in May to my baby niece Eliza.



Even though I have an English accent, I grew up in Northern Ireland where I lived by the sea. I used to love going for walks by the coast and still love to visit friends when I can.

I like to travel and my favourite country that I have visited is Madagascar. I especially loved visiting a crocodile sanctuary where I also got to feed some very friendly lemurs!

A little-known fact about me is that my favourite time of the year is Christmas. I have been known to watch Home Alone as early as July!

Expectations

At St. Joseph's 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 summer 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 St. Joseph's.

- 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 (recommended 10 minutes) and recorded in their reading record. Children can record the name of the book and pages read themselves or an adult can do it.**
- **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)**
- **Learn the Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRFs) for each half-term.**
- Any online homework, such as Education City and Times Tables Rock stars, 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).

Additional information

Swimming Lessons

The children will attend swimming lessons this year. More details are to follow.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

At the end of Year 4, children will take part in the national Multiplication Tables Check. Therefore, it is important for the children to know **all tables up to 12 x 12, in and out of order.**

Behaviour – We are currently reviewing the school's behaviour management system and will be following the current best practice in this area of education. Further details will be announced at the beginning of the new school year and will be incorporated into our school's behaviour policy. **The key principles of this approach will centre around positive reinforcement including the recognition and reward of children making the right choices.**

Pencil case:

- Please could your child bring a **pencil case to school in September:**
- It would be great if you could provide the following items:
Pencils, blue handwriting pens, ruler, rubber, sharpener, glue sticks

Extra optional items: Whiteboard pens, purple pens, pencil crayon pack, green highlighter



Ways to prepare your child for Year 4:



- Practise times tables with them.

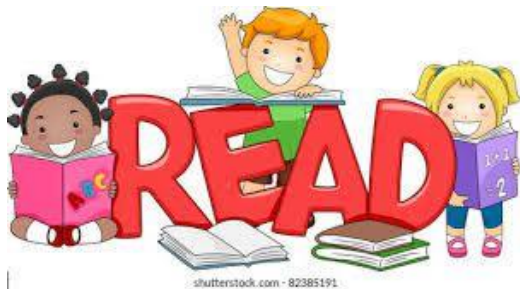
Useful websites include:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4>

- Read with them and encourage them to explore different books.



Thankyou so much for taking the time to read this PowerPoint. I am so excited to welcome the children into year 4 and work alongside them and you over the next year. If you do have any questions or would like some more information, please contact the school office or send a message to: info_stjosephs@emmausmac.com

I hope you have a lovely summer, and I cannot wait to welcome your children in September!

Miss Gibbons 😊