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To Parents/Carers of Children in Year 5

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the beginning of a new term. We are so pleased to have everyone back in school. Here are some useful details about your child's start in Year 5.

We have decided that for the first half term Home Learning Journals will not be sent home. Homework will be in the form of worksheets which will be sent home with the children on a Monday. They will be asked to bring these into school on the following Monday when they will be marked with the children in class. This we hope will help to minimise any unnecessary contamination. This will of course be reviewed on a regular basis.

Reading books will not be sent home daily to begin with; we are aiming where possible to send home 2 reading books at a time and when they need changing the books will be left for 72 hours before being returned to your child. It would be great if you could encourage your child to read their own books at home as well as the school scheme. Again, this will be reviewed on a regular basis. We would appreciate your support while we see how this works out.

Year 5 is preparation for Year 6 and secondary transfer in terms of the children's work. Please ensure you have a little timetable at home so that they are in a good routine about clubs, out of school activities and homework. A desk or table in a quiet place is most useful. Working without music, TV or other distractions is important.

The children will be covering a range of topics during the autumn term. Our history topic this term is the Anglo Saxons. Other areas of the curriculum allow us to focus on sustainability and famous artists among others. The Science topics covered are Properties of materials and Earth and Space. In PSHE we will be covering the following topics: Families and friendships, safe relationships and respecting ourselves and others.

I am sure some of the children will be asking if they may bring useful books or objects into school, relating to these subjects. For the moment we would ask that the children do not do this.

The children will need their own named pencil case with pencils, pens, rubbers colours and a pencil sharpener. We would like this pencil case to remain in school. If there is a problem the school will of course have resources, but again we are trying to minimise possible contamination. The children will not be able to share resources with each other.

We will not be having indoor PE sessions for the first part of the term, but will be having outdoor games on a Friday for both Year 5 classes. **The children are asked to come to school on Friday in their school PE kit.** Outdoor trainers and tracksuits may be worn. Please ensure that these conform to uniform policy.

We would be grateful to receive a voluntary contribution of £3 to the class fund. This is very much appreciated and enables us to buy additional equipment or resources to support lessons. Please send it in a named envelope with your child. If you would prefer to pay for the whole year, cash or a cheque for £9 would be very welcome. We also use a great many boxes of tissues and would be pleased to receive any donations. Any money to be handed in should be in a sealed, named envelope.

We understand that this is not the normal start to Year 5 and want to assure you that if you have any problems or concerns (although we cannot at present meet with you) please feel free to e-mail us on carolekilgour@oldfieldprimary.com or jennyhellmuth@oldfieldprimary.com

Yours sincerely


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