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Tolsey Class Summer Term Letter 2018

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and have enjoyed your family time. We have lots of exciting lessons planned this term as well as a few visits here and there. We hope to plan a whole school trip for the end of term so please look out for information on that as and when we settle on a destination.

I am very sad to be typing my last parent letter at BPS and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for a fantastic year in Tolsey Class. Your children are simply the best! I love spending each day with them teaching and learning together and growing as a team. I know that the children will leave me well prepared for their next phase and this is down to their hard work, your support and our motivation to keep providing the best we can for them each day.

This term's topics will include: **The Vikings continued and Mayan Civilisation** in history, **Mapping and Trade** in Geography and **Light, Plants and States of Matter** in Science. English topics will be varied and will include aspects of our humanities topics to have good meaningful links across the curriculum.

Dates for the Diary...

Monday 23rd April – Y4 Modern Foreign Languages Day at Burford School – Mrs Beaney will be accompanying the Y4 children up the hill for a great day; more information to follow this week.

Thursday June 21st – Y3 Science Day at Burford School

Wellington Boots

Please provide your child with a named pair of Wellington boots to be stored on the veranda boot rack. If your child has boots in school then they will be able to use the paddock during wet and muddy times.

Good Mornings!

Thank you! Everyone seems to be getting into the classroom on time these days which means all benefit from our early morning learning slot which often includes important **spelling** and **timetables work**.

Reading

Please remember to sign your child's **yellow reading record** once you have heard your child read. We expect children to have at least 4 signatures from you in their books each week. Four signatures wins your child a place in the weekly raffle. If your child reads fluently, it is still very important to discuss what they have been reading to themselves to make sure they are comprehending and picking up on subtle inference. Do sign to say they have read and make sure you check in with them about their read.

Homework

Spelling sheets and additional homework must come into school each **Thursday** and be placed in the homework box. Timetables homework will be back for terms 5 & 6 as well as booster sessions in school each day. Each week children will be given the following to practise a small amount each day:

- **Spellings** (Common exception words)
- **Missions** (High Frequency words) – many children have completed missions and will not have this as homework.
- **Times Tables**
- **Occasional additional tasks**

Timetable

A copy of our timetable can be found on the school website. The children will have PE twice a week most weeks (**Monday & Friday**); please make sure full PE kits are on pegs at all times and everything is **clearly named**.

Classroom Rewards and Sanctions

We are really excited for the term ahead and look forward to celebrating success on a regular basis. In the classroom we will be using our usual good behaviour system; the sunshine, cloud, thundercloud and rainbow. We have a well-established community agreement and expect children to be shining examples in order to keep our team working smoothly. Should behaviour not reflect our agreed rules, (as it does from time to time) children will have their names placed onto the cloud and they will miss their break time; when they will be given time and support to reflect and repair. If the thundercloud is ever used then I will need to have a discussion with parents at the end of the day. Our aim is to stay on the sunshine as a team and visit the rainbow for outstanding effort and successes, kindness and maturity. Rainbow visits are rewarded with house tokens and raffle tickets for a weekly draw!

Once again, thank you for all the support you have shown us this academic year, this really is highly appreciated as we greatly value our home-school links. If you need to meet with me at all during the course of the term, please contact Mrs Hunt in the office who will be happy to arrange a meeting. Otherwise, I am usually on the playground at the end of the day and am more than happy to chat.

Best wishes,

Mrs Zoë Duff - Senior Teacher