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Dear Ash Class Families,

Welcome to a new academic year. This letter will summarise key information about Year 4.

In Ash Class the teacher is Miss Hutchings and the teaching assistants are Miss Walton and Miss Hall. In the morning, children are expected to arrive between 8:30 and 8:45am. Whilst they are waiting, they should wait outside their classroom. During this time, the expectation is that they will stand and talk to their friends, rather than playing on equipment or running around. After the bell has rung, children will enter their classroom and early work will be ready for them to start.

At the end of the day, children should be collected by a known adult. If a different adult is collecting your child, please inform the office or the class teacher in the morning.

PE days will be updated on the class page of the website. The expectation for PE days is children will wear their PE kit to school. They should be wearing a white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms, a school fleece or jumper and trainers. Please ensure all uniform is clearly named. Anyone wearing earrings will be asked to remove them, if they cannot remove them we will cover the piercing with masking tape. This is for their protection and safety in case anything was to catch the earring. Any shoulder length hair should be tied back.

A generic copy of the timetable can be found on the class page of the website. Please be aware this is subject to change depending on extra-curricular activities.

Weekly homework will be uploaded to Teams on a Friday, due in the following Thursday. This will consist of weekly spellings, including two lists to choose from as well as essential words that are expected to be learnt by the end of Year 4. In addition to this, a recommended times table will be given to practise. It is the expectation that by the end of Year 4 your child is confident with all the times tables. Therefore, we would recommend that your child practises their times tables for a minimum of 10 minutes a day. This could be using online resources or practising verbally. Please be aware that at the end of Year 4 there is an official Multiplication Check to assess times table knowledge.

It is important your child is reading regularly outside of school, you can use the back of the homework book to keep a log. Children are encouraged to do up to 10 minutes of daily reading with an adult. Termly, there will be Project homework linking to the project for that term. A map with suggestions of what your child could do will be uploaded to the class page of the website. It is the expectation that all children complete one piece of Project homework per term.

If you need to contact the class teacher, there is a contact form on the class page of the website where you can fill in your details and submit. The class teacher will aim to respond within school hours. Please be aware that if you contact the teacher outside of working hours, they will respond the following day. If there is any further information that you need, please look on the class page of the website. This will have updates on children's learning, as well as useful information.

Best wishes,
Miss Hutchings

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