



Year 5 Newsletter

September 2017

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Year 5 Coffee Afternoon and Curriculum Meeting

We will be holding a Coffee Afternoon and Curriculum Meeting on Tuesday 26th September. This is an opportunity for parents and guardians to meet the teachers and find out some information about the upcoming year and what the children shall be learning. Our afternoon will begin at 2.15pm and will continue through till approximately 3.00pm.

A Big Welcome to Parents and

We hope you had a great summer holiday and are now ready for the new term! This year the teachers in Year 5 are:

5L Mr Lowe (Year Leader)

5Z Miss Zivtins

5K Miss Knights

5CJ Mr Chambers and Mrs Jones

We are looking forward to working with your children this year and have included some information within this newsletter to help them (and you) feel up to speed with things at school. Your child will receive a timetable for the term in the first few weeks and we would be grateful if you could go through this with your child to help them become familiar with our routines. We will let you know of any updates in the timetable throughout the year.

Reading Journal

Your child will have received a Reading Journal on their first few days back at school. This book should be used to keep a record of any reading both at home and at school. We wish to develop a greater understanding of children's reading habits/interests and so we ask that these journals come to school on a daily basis. Journals can be filled in either by parents or children!

Class Dojo

For the 2017/18 academic year, we wish to use a website/app called Class Dojo. Class Dojo is a tool for communicating with parents, updating them about events and for sharing important information. It is our hope that this website/app will make communication between home and school easier and more simple, as well as involving parents a little more in our school day. Thank you to those of you who have already signed up! It was trialed last year with great success and so we are very excited to roll it out school

Parent Volunteers

We are looking for parent volunteers! Whether this is as a one off or on a more regular basis, it can have a really positive impact on the children we teach. We'd love help to hear readers in particular, however if you have a particular skill or strength that you'd like to share, then we'd be keen to hear from you too! If you think you may be able to help, please speak with your child's teacher or email the school office.



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Curriculum

We have many exciting and engaging topics this year and we will be starting off with a topic on America! During this half term we will be looking at aspects of America's history, as well as it's hugely varied and interesting geography/climate.

A detailed curriculum plan accompanies this newsletter, detailing all of our work for the half-term. Please remember to provide the office with an up to date e-mail address, as this really helps us with making sure correspondence is getting home!

Also, don't forget to check the website www.avenuejuniorschool.org Here you will find copies of all of the curriculum documentation for the year as well as other useful information.

P.E

Your child's timetable includes P.E. times. These will change over the course of the year so that each class can utilise the facilities at Recreation Road Sport Hall. Please familiarise yourselves with the days that children have P.E. in order to support them with having the correct kit in school. For indoor P.E. this should include black shorts, white t-shirt and trainers. For outdoor P.E, trainers (not plimsolls), black jogging bottoms and jumpers may be worn. Please ensure that all kit is labelled and that children with long hair have a hair-band on P.E. days. Children who cannot remove earrings must come to school with medical tape to ensure they do not cause any injuries whilst playing sport.

This half term, P.E. days are as follows:

5L: Thursday and Friday

5Z: Tuesday/Wednesday and Friday

5K: Monday and Thursday

5CJ: Monday, Thursday. 5CJ will also be swimming on Thursdays.

Music

Your child will be having their class music lesson on the following days:

5L: Tuesday

5Z: Thursday

5K: Wednesday

5CJ: Wednesday

These times may change every term / half-term, but we will let you know when they do. A timetable will soon be available for individual music lessons.

Kind regards,

The Year 5 Team

Daniel Lowe, Baiba Zivtins, Alice Knights, Steve Chambers, Dawn Jones