



# Year 4 Newsletter

September 2018

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## Year 4 Coffee Afternoon and Curriculum Meeting

We will be holding a Coffee Morning / Maths Café on Wednesday 26th September. This is an opportunity for parents and guardians to meet the teachers, but also to come into classes and take part in a few activities with your children. We hope it will also give you a few ideas of things you can do at home.

Our morning will begin at 9.15am and will continue through till approximately 10.00am.

## A Big Welcome to Year 4!

We hope you had a great summer holiday and are now ready for the new term! This year the teachers in Year 4 are:

**4L Mr Lowe (Year Leader)**

**4S Miss Stedman**

**4SH Miss Shailes**

**4RB Mr Brown**

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.

## Ancient Rome

We have many exciting and engaging topics planned for this year and we will be starting off with a topic on Ancient Rome! During this half term we will be looking at the formation of the Roman Empire, its expansion across Europe and the Roman occupation of Britain. It's hugely interesting and varied topic that explores elements of history, geography, art and design technology.

## Class Dojo

For the 2018/19 academic year, we will continue using Class Dojo. We believe that Class Dojo is a fantastic tool for communicating with parents, updating them about events and for sharing information. As before, it is our hope that this website/app will make communication with the teacher easier and more simple, as well as involving parents a little more in our school day. If you have already signed up last year, you need not do anything. New passwords will be given out for those of you who have not yet signed up. All important information will also be emailed out or sent in paper form.

## 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

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 email address, as this really helps us with making sure correspondence is getting home!

Also, don't forget to check the website [www.avenuejuniorschool.org](http://www.avenuejuniorschool.org) Here you will find copies of all of the curriculum documentation for the year as well as other useful information. This will also be available on Class Dojo.

## School Trips

We have two exciting trips planned in the near future!

The first is a day trip to Norwich Castle. Whilst there, children will take part in a variety of different workshops learning about life in Ancient Rome. They will get hands on with some Roman artefacts and may even have the opportunity to do some dressing up!

The second is our Year 4 residential trip to the Horstead Centre. This is a two night residential trips and provides children with a range of exciting outdoor activities such as kayaking, climbing and archery. A letter about this trip was sent home on 10/09/18

## 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 suffer any injuries whilst playing sport.

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

- 4L: Monday, Wednesday/Friday (alternating Wednesday and Fridays)
- 4S: Monday, Thursday
- 4SH Monday, Thursday
- 4RB: Tuesday and Thursday

## Music

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

- 4L: Tuesday
- 4S: Friday
- 4SH: Wednesday, Friday (alternating weeks)
- 4RB: Monday

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 4 Team

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