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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year. I am very excited to be working with your child and to help move them along their learning journey as they continue in Upper KS2. I hope this letter provides you with useful information about the upcoming year and helps to ensure a smooth transition at the start of our autumn term.

During this half term, **PE** is on a **Thursday** so please ensure your child is wearing his/her PE kit on when they arrive to school on Thursdays. Just like normal uniform, please ensure that each item is clearly labelled so that it can be easily returned if it gets misplaced for any reason. Children **MUST NOT** bring their PE kits into school. On the day that they have PE they can come to school in their PE kit, they can wear either their black PE shorts, or black leggings or jogging bottoms, and their school t-shirt and sweatshirt along with a pair of black trainers. Pumps are not suitable to wear all day or for outdoors, so trainers should be worn but these should not be expensive, designer ones! During this half term your child will attend **Swimming** lessons on **Fridays**, they are expected to wear appropriate swim wear and bring a towel. It is advised that goggles are not worn so that it encourages the sense of real life skills should they encounter water aside of the swimming pool environment.

We really try to promote **reading** for pleasure and therefore encourage our children to read every day. It is such an important skill to continually develop and the expectations for Year 5 and Year 6 are becoming more and more challenging. Your child will select a new reading book when he/she has completed a book and the accompanying task. The expectation is that it should be changed as often as possible, depending on the type of book the child chooses. Your child needs to spend some time every night on their reading in order to make the expected progress. It is good practice that you ask your child questions based on their reading material to check their understanding of the text they are reading. Please record the reading that has been completed daily and feel free to make a comment about their reading in their Reading Record book. Pupils in Year 5 are expected to bring in and take home their red bags daily.

Spellings are handed out on **Fridays** and your child will be tested the following Friday.

As your child is now in Year 5, you may choose for your child to walk to a meeting point, or home, independently. To keep our children safe, please could you remind your child to return to school immediately if there is a problem.

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I will usually be at the top of the ramp outside Year 5 at the end of each day if you need a quick word or should there be any issues that you wish to discuss in more detail, then do please contact me via the office email address (please see the top of the letter) and we can arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss your concerns. Rest assured that I will do my best to ensure that your child has a happy and successful year in Year 5.

Yours sincerely

G. Barry

Class teacher

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