

Year 4 Information Evening

September 2023



Learning
Together in
God's Love

Welcome to Year 4

Kestrels Class

Mr McKinnell (Mon, Tues and Wed)

Mrs Desmond (Thurs and Fri)

Eagles Class

Miss O'Hara (Mon and Tues)

Miss Lennon (Wed, Thurs and Fri)

Support Staff

Mr Roffey, Mrs Pennycate, Mrs Wood

Specialist Teaching Provision

Mrs Rodgers – Music

Curriculum Topics



- Autumn – Invasion (Anglo-Saxons)
- Spring – Misty Mountain, Winding River
- Summer – Ancient Civilisation

Class Saints



Eagles
St Philip Neri



Kestrels
St Catherine of
Bologna

Behaviour

We aim to achieve a respectful, secure and safe environment where everyone shows consideration, kindness and honesty towards each other.

We use a range of rewards to reinforce the core values of the school and expected behaviours. We acknowledge where children have shown and developed various aspects of our RESPECT code.

This can be in the form of:

- Verbal praise and feedback;
- Talk with parents/carers at the end of the day about positive behaviour and engagement with learning;
- Individual rewards e.g. stickers/postcards home;
- House points;
- Awarding certificates that promote the positive behaviour demonstrated.

We prioritise the explicit teaching of expected and unexpected behaviours and relate this back to our RESPECT code.

Behaviour

R

Respect everyone.

Know we are all God's children.

Keep hands and feet to ourselves.
Speak politely to everyone; show good manners through words and actions.

E

Encourage each other.

Follow Jesus' example – love one another.

Give praise.
Give genuine feedback to help other pupils' learning improve.

S

Speak truthfully.

Be ready to say sorry and show forgiveness.

We are honest.
We say/recognise what we have done and admit when we have done something wrong and apologise for this. We are honest about our choices.

P

Practise, persevere and make progress.

Make time to pray – knowing God is with us.

We try again and again to improve our skills.
We do not give up.
We use our purple polishing pens with pride.

E

Embrace mistakes.

Know we are loved by God.

We learn from our errors.
We look at mistakes as a way of moving our learning forward.

C

Consider our choices.

Christ at the centre.

We think before we act.
We know we always have a choice.
We can say "no".

T

Thrive together as a team.

Trust in God.

We work together.
We help each other and celebrate achievements of other children as well as our own.

Each half term, we focus on one of our Learning to Learn characters and Head Teacher certificates are awarded.

Learning to Learn...

Pooh says...

I am **RESILIENT!**



- I can become absorbed in my learning.
- I can recognise and manage distractions.
- I can create my ideal environment for learning.
- I know when I need to take time out to think.
- I am good at noticing things.
- I can use my previous learning.
- I don't give up when things get tricky.
- I can learn from my mistakes.
- I understand that sometimes learning can be a slow process.

Tigger says...

I am a **RISK TAKER!**



- I know if I am wrong about something I can still learn from it.
- I can put forward my ideas even if they are not the same as other people's ideas.
- I think in creative ways and use it to further my learning.
- I know that my thinking might sometimes take me in a different direction.
- I can take risks in order to solve problems.
- I think about risks but I still have a go.

Eeyore says...

I am **REFLECTIVE!**



- I can plan ahead.
- I can plan for the time and resources I will need.
- I can plan to overcome any obstacles I may meet.
- I can be flexible.
- I can make changes to my plans if necessary.
- I can think about my work as I go along.
- I can see new opportunities.
- I can think about what is important in my learning.
- I can be my own learning coach.
- I can recognize how I learn best.
- I can talk about how I learn.
- I can talk about my work when it is going well or when it is challenging.

Piglet says...

I am **RESOURCEFUL!**



- I am good at asking questions.
- I am curious.
- I can think more deeply during learning.
- I can see connections between different events and experiences.
- I can use my imagination to ask 'What if ...?'
- I can work logically and systematically.
- I can give evidence to support my thinking.
- I can spot the strengths and weaknesses in information.
- I can use a wide range of resources appropriately.
- I can spot future opportunities.

Kanga says...

I have good **RELATIONSHIPS!**



- I know when it is best to learn on my own or with others.
- I can share my ideas.
- I can listen to other people's ideas.
- I can contribute to and draw strength from a team.
- I can see someone else's point of view.
- I can imitate other people's good ideas and good behaviour.
- I can use my knowledge of another person to explain their actions and feelings.

Owl says...

I am **RESPECTFUL!**



- I respect and recognise other people's view points.
- I respect other people's property.
- I respect school property.
- I respect school rules.
- I respect the similarities and differences between myself and others.
- I respect my culture and the culture and beliefs of others.

Behaviour

We support children in helping them to understand that all actions/choices have consequences, both positive and negative. We encourage children to consider their choices and take responsibility for the consequences of these choices. We support children to reflect on the impact of unexpected behaviours on their own and others' wellbeing.

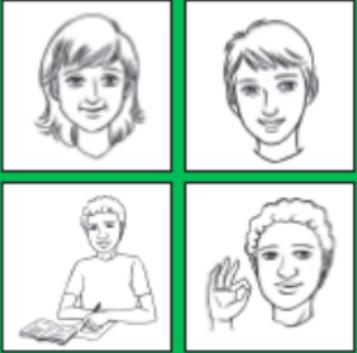
We encourage children to focus their attention, to be 'active listeners' and to develop the capacity to make 'good choices' through noticing and praising positive behaviours.

In order to be able to challenge themselves and carry out tasks independently, children must be able to regulate their behaviour in the classroom.

We refer to the 'Zones of Regulation' to help pupils to think about their behaviour and how it impacts others.

Zones of Regulation

The ZONES of Regulation®

			
BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Mean Terrified Yelling/Hitting Out of Control

Routines

- Appropriate clothing for the weather – warm coats, rain coats, jumpers are essential as windows and doors will be opened for ventilation and children will be going outside in all weathers.
- Water bottle (children can refill in classroom)
- Backpack (not too large)
- Children to bring their own small pencil case – no extra belongings from home i.e. Pokémon cards.

Uniform

- Full school uniform – Winter / Summer
- Long hair tied back. Hair accessories must be plain, small and school colours/black/brown.
- Small stud earrings allowed – do **not** wear on PE days. Please ensure taped over if newly pierced.
- Watches are allowed- except PE days.
- No other jewellery
- No nail varnish/temporary tattoos

P.E.

- PE:

In Winter – navy tracksuit bottoms, red school tracksuit top, white t-shirt and trainers (spare socks can be useful).

In Summer - red shorts, white t-shirt and red school tracksuit top.

Home Learning

- Weekly spellings on Friday (Kestrels) Monday (Eagles).
- Weekly times tables test on Friday for both classes.

For the following two books, there will be an email explaining how to pay for these three home learning resources:

- Comprehension –CGP book – Fortnightly
 - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling CGP book - Fortnightly
 - Maths – CGP book – Fortnightly
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- Week 1- CGP Maths and Grammar
 - Week 2- CGP Comprehension and [maths.co.uk](https://www.maths.co.uk)

Home Learning

- **Topic Home Learning** A choice of tasks will be given to the children related to our class learning topics. Children will be asked to complete four tasks throughout the term. Dates for handing in home learning will be shared with parents and pupils on Teams.
- All children will be given a red Home Learning book.
- Whilst it is lovely for families to all work on the homework tasks together, please make sure that the work being handed in has been completed by your child!
- We really appreciate the support you are able to give to your child to make sure work is completed to a high standard and handed in on time.
- It is recommended that home learning books are kept in rucksacks at all times.

Home Reading

- Children should read everyday.
- Children will have the opportunity to change books every Tuesday.
- Children will have a reading record that is kept in school.

School Library

- All children have the opportunity to go to the school library each week.
- Eagles- Wednesday PM
- Kestrels- Thursday PM
- The library is also open for Year 4 to visit at lunchtimes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Please encourage your child to look after the school library books and return the book when they have finished it. In order to take out another book, they must return the previous book.

PSA and Class Reps

- All of the adults in our school community are automatically members of the PSA.
- The PSA do a fantastic job in supporting the children of St Agatha's. Please do volunteer your time and support where you can.
- Those able to take on the role of class rep are greatly appreciated. It is not a huge job!

Drop off and pick up...

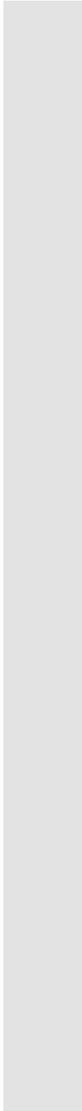
- Children come directly into class when the bell is rung at 8.45am. Registration is at 8:50am.
- Pick up is at 3:15pm- please wait on the main playground.
- Collections – Please provide written permission to the school office or email the office, if another adult is going to collect your child.
- At the end of the day, children must tell their teacher who is there to collect them before they leave.

Key Dates

- **Parent / Teacher Consultations** – Thursday 19th October 2023 (virtual) and Thursday 8th February (face- to- face).
- International Day –Wednesday 4th October 2023
- Stay and Play - Thursday 21st September 3.15-3.45
- **PE Kit Days** – Monday (Outdoor) and Wednesday (Indoor)

Children are to come into school wearing their PE kit on their PE days. Please make sure earrings are removed at home on PE days.

Swimming lessons to start in the Summer Term – more information to follow.



Thank you for joining us this
evening!