



# WEST BOROUGH

## YEAR 5 PARENT INFORMATION



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### Oak Class

Teacher: Mrs Waters  
TA: Mrs James

Leader of Learning for Years 4, 5, 6: Mrs Everest

### Maple Class

Teacher: Mrs Everest  
TA: Miss Morgan

Leader of Learning for Years 4, 5, 6: Mrs Everest

### Uniform and PE

We have high expectations of the children's uniform and presentation and you will receive letters if a child is not wearing the appropriate clothing. We would appreciate a letter if for any reason a child is not wearing the appropriate clothing or footwear.

NO earrings other than studs please - earrings can cause serious injury to your child. Rings, necklaces and bracelets should not be worn at school. If due to an oversight, jewellery is worn to school, we cannot accept responsibility for its loss or damage. Make-up, including nail varnish, must not be worn. Long hair must be tied back with limited accessories which are small and in school colours.

PE will usually be taught on **Wednesdays** (swimming) and **Tuesdays**. Please let your class teacher know if you can spare a Wednesday morning and help out with assisting taking the children to swimming on the coach.

PE kits should be in school at **all** times in case these days change. It is expected that everybody participates and we require a letter if this is not possible.

A PE kit consists of blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms, a white T-shirt and appropriate footwear.

### Topics and learning

Our topics all link to the National Curriculum

Term 1 - Mysterious Materials

Term 2 - Woeful World War I

Term 3 - The Great Lakes

Term 4 - The Highwayman

Term 5 - Our Place

Term 6 - Fun at the Fair

Throughout the year, children will be working towards personalised targets. These will be discussed with you at The Learning Conferences (TLCs). To support your child at home it would be beneficial to work on times tables (they need to know up to 12x12) and read daily as always. If your child is a more able reader we offer a selection of books from a KS3 reading list. Occasionally the content of some of these books are quite mature or contain some mild language. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any concerns. We will send home the year 5 and 6 focus spelling words for your children to have at home to read and learn periodically. We will be completing spelling challenges at school rather than weekly spelling lists to learn. Please use the website as a source of information.

### Home Learning

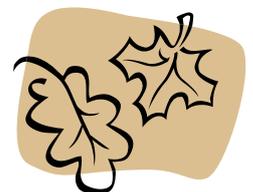
Children have now been given their Home Learning books which contain the tasks that they can complete this term. Please be aware that children are expected to complete 2 A4 pages of learning a week. There is more information about expectations in the Home Learning books. A Home Learning certificate will be awarded to one child each week meriting their efforts and achievements.

### Year Group information

It is your decision if you wish your child to walk to or from school by themselves. A letter from Mrs Crittenden has been sent home and this **MUST** be completed before we can allow your child to leave the premises. Please ensure the child's mobile phone number, if they have one, is provided.

Our PPA time is on a Tuesday afternoon. Mr Atkinson, Miss Morgan and Mrs James will be teaching during this session. In addition Mrs Everest will be covered by Mr Atkinson Tuesday mornings, during her SLT time.

Year 5 is an important year when thinking of secondary transition; therefore we will be assessing your child's cognitive ability through CAT tests in the summer term. We will share your child's results with you once we have collected the data. There will be an information evening about secondary school transition in June.



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## Home/school communication

Contact books (along with their reading books) are expected in EVERY DAY. They are looked at daily, so messages from home can be written in there. If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher at the **end** of the school day; if something is more urgent please contact us through the school office. You may also receive phone calls regarding your child's learning and behaviour, if we are unable to speak to you in person. As the year progresses, you will be able to see our learning on our class pages on the school website.

## School Priorities for 2017-18

Every year, the school produces an Improvement Plan that lays out what it hopes to achieve during the coming terms. This is approved by Governors who monitor the impact of any improvements.

Last year our highlight was achieving a Good Ofsted rating, which recognised how well we know our school and the areas for development. Our focus last year included introducing Maths Mastery in Y1 and Y3, ready to roll this out across the school from this September. Parents were informed about this approach in an introductory session prior to Class Assemblies last year. Further information will come out during the year. We also had a focus on increasing the number of pupils who achieve the higher standard by the end of Primary School. Our Year 6 results show we are now achieving in line with other schools nationally in this area. Teaching and Learning improved across the school, as validated by Ofsted, and Pupil Voice became a large part of everything we did, to ensure the children really were at the heart of everything we did.

This year we shall be introducing Growth Mindset across the school. More information will come out during the school year. We shall, of course, focus on our journey to Outstanding, part of which will involve improving questioning within the classroom. With the support of the PTFA, we also hope to improve our outside space.

## Healthy School Packed Lunches

As a Healthy School, we ask that children have suitable items in their packed lunch box. We ask that they only have one of the following:

Crisps, Biscuit, Cereal bar, Cheese string, Pepperami, Cake/cake bar  
**NO SWEETS**

Children are also only permitted to bring in water to drink with their lunch.

## Buster's Book Club

We will be continuing Buster's Reading incentive scheme this year. Children will receive a new bookmark very soon. Please record the number of minutes that they have read on a Wednesday evening ready for data collection on a Thursday. If your child has exceeded their target minutes please record this on the bookmark too. We will then collect the data and awards will be given out in Friday Assembly. This includes badges, class trophies and tickets to attractions such as Leeds Castle.

The target for our year group: **Year 5 - 20 minutes per night**

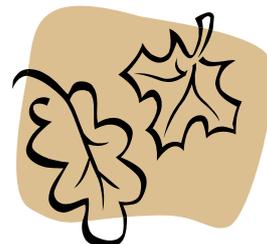
## Talents

We are very lucky at West Borough Primary School to have children who are talented in a variety of areas; from karate to singing from playing a musical instrument to ballet dancing. This year we would like to celebrate these talents in our team assemblies. Please keep your class teacher updated with any hobbies and interests your children take part and achieve in - they may even like to perform and share their talent in front of their peers! Let us know when you receive a medal, trophy or certificate so we can share their achievements.

We look forward to seeing some exciting talents.

## Trips

There is a residential trip to Carrot Wood in November. Those children not going will be taking part in some fun activities in and out of school - more details will follow. Last year, many of our trips were around the local area or we had visiting workshops. This kept the costs down, especially after Carrot Wood and the trips were very much linked to our topics. We intend to do the same this year and will let you know if we require any parent helpers.



**Equality, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Challenge**