Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Year 4 - Netherlands class

Welcome back after the summer holidays. We would like to take this opportunity to outline the structure of Year 4 and what the children will be learning this year.

Year 4 Team
Mr Keene – class teacher
Miss Peel – learning support assistant
Miss Loughlin – 1:1 learning support assistant
Miss Hill – SHLTA (covering the class on Friday afternoons)

Themed Work
Autumn 1: The Tudors (History)
Autumn 2: Mighty Mountains (Geography)
Spring 1: Modern Britain (History/PSHE/DT)
Spring 2: Circle of Life (Science/History)
Summer 1: Vikings (History/Geography/Art)
Summer 2: Watery World (Geography/Art/ICT)

Helping your child
Reading
Children should bring their book and reading journal into school every day in a book bag or drawstring bag that can fit into their drawer. It is important that their book and reading journal are in school each day so that we can record when we have heard them read.

At Fairfield, children are heard reading in small guided groups (weekly) during ‘Carousel’. Children will also be heard reading, at times, on a 1 to 1 basis by additional support adults with their individual home reading book. Children will also be asked to follow up the reading of their individual book with a reading task. Please support your child in completing these when set.

We recognise that children read at different speeds and because of this we have a system in place whereby the children can change their individual reading books as often as they like through placing their reading book and diary in the change tray. When children do this, Miss Peel or Miss Loughlin will endeavour to change their reading book on that day.

Even if your child decodes words well and reads fluently, it is still important that they read as often as possible in order to develop their comprehension skills and widen their knowledge of
sentence structure and vocabulary, which will in turn help them to develop their writing skills.

**Homework**
Alongside regular reading, pupils will be given short, manageable tasks to do. A homework sheet will be handed out weekly with the task and the date the task needs to be handed in by, this will usually be given out on Friday with the expectation of it being completed by Wednesday the following week. There will also be spellings and times tables tests based every week.

**Clubs open to Year 4**
There will be a variety of clubs open to Year 4 this year so please keep an eye out for letters coming home.

**E-Safety**
Many families now have computers at home and allow children to access the Internet to help with learning activities. Whilst the Internet is a fantastic resource and children can benefit greatly, please ensure that they are properly supervised or that your computer is adequately protected with filters to prevent children from accessing inappropriate material. At school we take this very seriously. Children will be taught about staying safe on-line and to be aware that not all websites are reliable sources. For further advice and guidance on this, please refer to CEOP www.ceop.police.uk/ (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre).

**Equipment**
Please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform and that all items are named clearly (See school uniform policy available in the Office). We have a lost property box in our hall. If your child loses an item please check in that box first of all. The school provides all equipment that the children require in their lessons so it is not necessary for children to bring in their stationery. Please remember to send your children in with a named water bottle every day.

**P.E**
Our P.E times are Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Children need to remember P.E kits on these days.

Please follow the School uniform policy and ensure all kit is named. It would be helpful if you could provide socks for girls who wear tights to school. PE kit should be kept in a drawstring bag on cloakroom pegs. Please do not have large rucksacks etc for PE kit as they will not fit on the pegs. PE kit should be taken home each Friday to be washed and returned on Monday. For Health and Safety reasons, earrings should not be worn for P.E. It would be helpful for pupils not to wear earrings on the P.E days or are capable of removing earrings prior to the start of a lesson.
Please ensure that your child has both an indoor and an outdoor kit with them, including plimsolls.

**Important dates for your diary**
Please keep an eye out for letters in case any of these dates change.

- **Thursday 6th October** – Harvest assembly
- **Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th October** – Parents evenings
- **Thursday 13th October** – School Photos
- **Week commencing 17th October** – Half term
- **Friday 2nd December** – Decorations morning
- **Friday 16th December** – Last day of Autumn term/ Toy day
- **Wednesday 4th January** – First day of Spring term

We hope this has been helpful. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr Keene, Miss Peel and Miss Loughlin