

WESTWOOD WITH IFORD SCHOOL



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Orchid class Newsletter September 2018

Welcome to a new term!

Just a few messages to get the school year started smoothly.

P.E. first day back

Firstly, this term Orchid class are having their P.E. slot with Mr. Kiely first thing on a Thursday morning, which happens to be **tomorrow**. So please can the children come to school **IN** their P.E. kits and bring their school uniform and school shoes with them. They need to come into school in their P.E. kits every Thursday until half term. Please can children wear dark short/skorts, a white, plain t-shirt, wearing trainers suitable for wearing on a wet field and have hair tied back. When it is colder, they can wear dark tracksuit bottoms and a warm jumper. A spare pair of socks is also useful when the field is wet and trainers leak.

P.E. kit will be sent home the same day as at this age they often need a wash and it helps keep our cloakroom (which has very limited space) clutter free.

School bags

If your child is bringing a school bag to school, then once their lunch, drinks bottle and reading book are out at the start of the day, then the bag needs to be empty to hang on the peg. Our cloakroom has a two tiers of hooks that are very close together which makes it tricky to reach the pegs and bulky bags can make it even harder.

Hair

If your child has long hair, then please can you send them to school with their hair in a ponytail. Plain hairbands are permissible, but please refrain from the extra-large, decorative variety. There are always spare hair bands in class.

Homework

I set Orchid homework on a Thursday to be back on a Tuesday. Any spelling tests are also on a Tuesday. A set number of games, depending on year group, are set on TTRockstars and this is open from Wednesday 4pm until Tuesday 8am so the children get a little longer to do it. I try to email out the homework to the class as an attachment in case they have forgotten their homework book etc. and it stops them from worrying. Please remind your child to look at the correct year group though! Children can always do their homework in school on the computers during their lunchtimes and there is usually a homework club on Friday lunchtimes that they can go to. In Orchid class, the children start their journey



towards being secondary ready and being responsible for remembering their belongings and becoming independent learners. I expect the children to take responsibility for finding time to do their homework and for handing it in on time. All homework must be completed by the Tuesday morning.

I am looking forward to having my new class this year. If there are any worries or concerns, the children are always able to email me from their school accounts. My email address is emmatyler@westwoodwithiford.org just in case they forget!

If you have any questions or concerns, please either come and see me or email me if it is more urgent (something I need to know for the next day). I find it is usually better to sort out any problems as soon as possible so that the children do not worry about things overnight.

Enjoy what is left of the holidays,

Emma Tyler
Orchid class teacher