

# WESTWOOD WITH IFORD SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer holidays! I hope that you have had an enjoyable break and that your child is looking forward to their new school year.

I thought it would be good to write and share with you some of the routines that we have in Lotus Class. I am very keen to make a good start with the learning each day. Therefore I would like to ask you to write any questions or concerns in the HASP books, rather than speaking to me. We will collect all the HASP books in at the start of every day and answer your questions. I am always happy to give time at the end of the day once children have been handed over to their parents.

I would ask that children would not bring in their own pencil cases as the school will provide all that they need in class. This will then speed up the start of our lessons as their pens and pencils will be kept on their tables.

This term we will be having PE on Thursdays. Please could children bring in their correct PE kit, including a white t-shirt, clearly labelled. Can I also ask that you provide your child with a drink bottle, with their name clearly marked on it, so that children do not need to leave the class in order to get a drink from the water fountain.

I will be setting homework (spellings, tables, English and maths) on Thursdays and ask that it be brought in for the following Tuesday. I will be setting the first piece of homework on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Spellings will be stuck into the back of their book for them to learn for each of the dates given. Each week there will be a space for them to do their spellings and times tables on the worksheet. Please can this be left blank for our test on Tuesday. The children will work their way through all the tables in the following order:

Group 1 - 10s 5s and 2s

Group 2 - 3s, 4s and 8s.

Group 3 - 6s 7s and 9s

Group 4 - 11s and 12s.

Group 5 - Mixed



They will begin each group of tables with the 2 minute challenge, then go onto the 1 minute 30 second challenge, then the 1 minute challenge and then the 30 second challenge. Having completed all of these they will move onto the next group of tables. They will finally move onto their mixed test where they are encouraged to practise the tables they feel weaker at.

If there are any questions please do not hesitate to ask,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and a flourish at the end.

David Bennett  
Lotus Class Teacher