**Year 5 Parent and Carers information letter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for another year at St John’s. This letter will give you the basic information you need to help your child in school this term. Please feel free to come and see me or Miss. Shekira, the class TA, at any time.

**Key dates**

The school will break up for half term at 3:30pm on **Friday, October 18th**. Pupils return on the **28th of October**.

We will break up for the Christmas holidays on **Thursday, December 19th** at **2pm.**   
  
Meet the teacher will be in the Year 5 classroom this **Monday (9th of September), at 3:40.** I will be going through important information about learning in Y5, so hope you are all able to attend.  
Harvest festival will be held in church on the **9th of October** at 10am. Everyone is welcome.

Year 5’s class assembly this term will be at 9:30 **on Friday the 4th of October**.   
Parents evening will be spread across the **11th and 12th of December**.

The end of term Christmas service will be on the last day of term at 10am **(19.12.19).**  
**Trips**  
Details for any trips will be given in advance when all details are finalised. I am hoping to take the children to the Science museum to link with our topic for this half-term.

**Curriculum**

**Literacy:** Our core text this half-term will be *I was a Rat* by Phillip Pullman. We will also link to our Science topic; Space, by looking at Tim Peake and the Moon Landings.

**Maths:** We will start the year by covering place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. While making a start on fractions.   
***Please remember to keep revising times tables and corresponding divisions (4x2=8/ 8÷2=4). Children should revise a little every day.*** TT RockStars is a brilliant website available to help enhance your child’s timestables.

**Science:** This term in science we will be focusing on Earth and Space, looking at the movement and rotation of the earth and other planets. We will also touch upon forces. Through this subject we will also explore the history of space travel focusing on the Space Race and Neil Armstrong.

**RE:** Will be taught by Miss. Giles. She will be looking at the question: What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God (Allah)?

**Computing:** We will be focusing on coding this half term, following on from what was taught in Year 4, through the programme on *PurpleMash*.

**Art:** We will be looking at and taking inspiration from the work of Peter Thorpe and his abstract designs centred on space.

**Music:** Javier will be back for another year to continue his high quality music lessons with the pupils.

**PSHCE:** The beginning of the year will be used to refresh and deepen our understanding of how and why we feel the way we do and how to deal with varying emotions through the Back2Green programme. Please feel free if you have any questions on this and how this can also be beneficial at home.

***Mr. Owain Evans***

***Year 5 class teacher.***

Year xx class teacher

**Key information:**

**PE and swimming**

PE lessons will take place on **Tuesday** and swimming lessons on **Friday**.

We have a new coach joining us who will be in on Tuesdays.  
  
The correct Kit is a navy T-Shirt, blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers for outdoor PE. Please make sure PE kit is in on the Monday of each week and taken home to be washed on Fridays.

Swimming kit must be a full swimsuit for girls and small trunks for boys, goggles, towel and plastic bag, all children to wear a swimming hat.

**Homework**

Homework is handed out on Friday and collected in the following **Wednesday**. Please let me know if your child is struggling with any aspect of the homework.

Please make sure your child reads for at least **10 minutes per day** and records something in their yellow Reading Record (using the Destination Reader stems to help them). It is useful if an adult checks and signs at least once per week.

**Website**

As well as information about what Year 5 are up to, there are links to websites to support learning on the class page of our school website: [www.stjohnuspperholloway.co.uk](http://www.stjohnuspperholloway.co.uk)  
This should be set up in the next few weeks, once the new website is all up and running.