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Leading Lifelong Learning; Creating Caring Communities.

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Eagle Owls Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new academic year.

Our Curriculum this term is as follows:

Maths: Place value, Four Operations (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication) and Fractions

English: The works of Shakespeare and Charlotte's Web

Science: Classification (Carl Linnaeus) and Living Things & Habitats

Computing: Coding using Purple Mash

RE: Commitment

PHSE: TEAM (Together Everything Achieves More)

Humanities: Geography and Mayans

Art/DT: Birthday cards, Christmas cards, Mayan art

Music: Understanding musical notation and singing

PE: Swimming, PE lessons led by a sports coach

Languages: British Sign Language

PE

Our swimming day is on a **Tuesday**, starting 17th September, until half term. Our regular PE lessons will be on **Tuesday** afternoons as we have been very fortunate this year to have a sports coach take these lessons. Please send your child into school in their PE kit on Tuesdays. For safety reasons long hair needs to be tied back and earrings must be removed; if your child wishes to remove their earrings at school a small container to store them in during lessons would be helpful.

Singing

We are pleased to confirm that Mr Howell from Cothill will be joining us again to take signing lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. We always appreciate the work he does with the children and the enjoyment they get from it.

Homework

This year we are introducing homework books for all children. Homework will consist of Doodle maths, spellings and reading activities. Further details to follow.

Behaviour

In class this year, we will be thinking about choices and consequences. Pupils will be given choices accompanied by consequences, with good choices resulting in good consequences and poor choices resulting in undesirable consequences. We would like to

move away from using negative phrasing for behaviours and flip the narrative from 'don't and can't' to 'I will try' or 'I can'.

Uniform

You will have already received our updated uniform policy, as of next week we will be sending home reminders with children who are not following it. If you need any help with this please contact the office.

Thank you very much to all of you who have named sweatshirts and cardigans – it is very helpful when things are misplaced!

Please remember, long hair must be tied back, only plain black shoes/trainers and no jewellery except for one pair of studs and a watch with no connection to the internet.

Please ensure your child is equipped with a school bookbag, these can be purchased from the school office for £7. These bags help to keep school books protected from damage in bags as well as any unfortunate leaks from lunchboxes or water bottles.

Mobile phones

A quick reminder that mobile phones are not permitted in school. If your child is starting to walk to or from school on their own, they may bring a phone but it must be turned off and handed in at the office in the morning.

Walking to or from school

In year 5 and 6, some of our pupils begin to walk to and from school on their own. If you would like your child to walk home alone, please provide written permission (handwritten or by email) to the school office as we will not release children without a responsible adult or consent.

Communication

After the successful introduction of Class Dojo last year, we will continue to use this as a communication method this year. Dojo is used for updates and last-minute changes but is not monitored on a daily basis - please continue to use the office as your main point of contact with the school.

SATS

For our year 6 pupils, this year is particularly important for them. In the Spring term, we will be holding a parents' information meeting to discuss SATs preparation. Prior to January, we talk about these as little as possible with the children as they still have a lot of curriculum to cover before then. If you wish to help your child with SATs preparation prior to this, the greatest help they can receive is to use Doodle maths, read with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading and support them with spellings.

As a team, Mrs Crothers, Mrs Friday and Mrs Platt have already seen how fantastic your children are and we look forward to watching them flourish this year.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Crothers, Mrs Friday and Mrs Platt