***Dear Parent/Carer,***

**Year 4 – Newsletter**

**Welcome Back**A big welcome back to all the pupils! We’ve missed you! The teachers, Miss Brown, Miss Taylor and Mr Campbell, have been hard at work preparing for the new term.

**Communication**This year the year 4 team will be out on the playground both before and after school therefore if you require to see your child’s class teacher we will be more than happy to speak with you then. If you need a longer conversation, then please do make us aware and we will be more than happy to arrange this time with you.

**Curriculum**This term, Year 4 will be working very hard in all their learning. We will be focussing on reading, writing and maths in our morning sessions and will focus on our topic subjects in the afternoon. In History we are learning about conflict and the Anglo-Saxons, in RE we are answering the question – *‘What do the stories in the Bible tell us about Christianity?’* In Design and Technology, we are looking forward to learning about food and nutrition, sampling a range of food types and creating our own balanced dish. Our Science topic this term is Animals including Humans.

**Home Learning**To help support your child at home, we encourage parents to read with their child daily. Frequent reading will enable your child to increase their language fluency, comprehension skills and reading stamina and will help with all areas of the curriculum. Your child is expected to have their reading record signed 3 times over the course of the week as part of their homework. Another excellent way to support your child at home, is by practising spelling their high frequency words or practising the spelling rule they are being taught that week. The Year 4 children will be tested on their multiplication tables at the end of the year and so practising these at home will help to prepare them. We will be learning our multiplication tables up to 12 and will be practising them in class also.

**General Information**

**Uniforms -** We have seen a rise in children attending school in jog bottoms and trainers. Please ensure that your child attends school in the correct Briscoe Lane uniform with black shoes or black trainers.

**Water bottles –** Please send your child in with a reusable water bottle with your child’s name clearly marked.

**PE** – PE kits must be brought in for lessons. They should have a white T-shirt and blue or black shorts or other suitable bottoms to wear. Children need to wear trainers or pumps for PE. Your child may bring in their PE kit at the start of each term and leave it in their locker.

**PE Timetable:**

**4SB –** Tuesday afternoons

**4MT** - Thursday afternoons

**4SC** – Friday afternoons, please make sure your child brings in the correct footwear for PE lessons.

**Swimming -** Swimming lessons will take place throughout the year on a weekly basis.
**4MT** – Monday afternoons **4SB** and **4SC** – Thursday mornings
To ensure your children get the best out of these sessions, please send them into school with the correct swimming costume, swimming hat and a towel.

**Drop off and collection**

**Please drop your child off promptly at 8.40 on the Infant playground each day. Year 4 children are to be collected from the Infant playground at 3:15, please do not block the entrance where children are released at the end of the school day. Thank you.**

**Our Year 4 Team –
4SB –** Miss Brown

**4MT** – Miss Taylor, Miss Lewis

**4SC –** Mr Campbell

**Key Stage Lead –** Mrs Buckley and Miss Shaw