



Dear parents/carers of Torvill Class

A new year, a new class name, a new classroom and a new teacher; Mrs Davies. Mrs Moran will be a support in the class every morning.

I hope you all had a lovely summer break and had an amazing time with your children. This letter is just explaining the expectations of the pupils in Torvill class (named after Nottingham based ice champion Jayne Torvill) this year as some bits are slightly different from the previous year.

Firstly, I want to extend a warm welcome to all members of our class and their parents/carers. Mrs Moran and I are really looking forward to getting to know you all.

Secondly, our PE sessions are both on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Your child is allowed to leave their PE kit in school.

With regards to expectations they are as follows.

1. **Uniform**- children are to wear the uniform stated in our school's policy and we advise you to put your child's name in all items.

2. **PE Kit**- The school is tightening up on PE kit. Children are expected to have a white t-shirt (no big logos or prints on them), black shorts/jogging/tracksuit bottoms and a pair of trainers or plimsols. They may also require a long-sleeved jumper as we head towards winter. We advise you to put your child's name in all items. Children cannot partake in PE if they do not have PE kit. Children also cannot take part if they are wearing earrings so, please make sure they are not in on PE days or that your child can comfortably remove them themselves.

In year 6, if a child does not bring in the correct PE kit they will no longer be eligible to gain their evergreen award and prize at the end of the term.

3. **Reading**- (Slightly stricter than last year) Children are required to read 10-15 times at least 5 days out of a week. (a week is Monday to Monday). The 5 reads do not just have to be on weekdays this year. For every read the children gain a dojo point and a move on our reading track (where they can earn prizes). If they read 5 times they gain an extra 5 dojos too for the week. Reading is essential to your child's progress and should be enjoyable. If you can discuss what has been read that will help improve the children's comprehension ability. (We require an adult's signature/initial in the children's reading diary to show they have read)

In year 6, if a child does not read 5 times in a week, twice in a term, they will no longer be eligible to gain their evergreen award and prize at the end of the term.

4. **Homework**- (Slightly stricter than last year) Children will need to complete 3-4 pieces of homework each week. They will receive a piece of spelling homework (a word list and a very short task). This will be for the test on a Friday. A maths task based on work taught in the lesson and Times tables; again we will be having a timetable check every Friday. A grammar task will also be given, linked to work taught in class. Homework is given out on Friday and the previous weeks will be marked at that time.

Homework needs to be handed in on a Wednesday please. (Friday to Wednesday) Homework club is available to support if stuck.

In year 6, if a child does not hand in their completed homework on two consecutive occasions, they will no longer be eligible to gain their evergreen award and prize at the end of the term.

Sorry for such a long letter but I wanted everyone to be aware of the slight changes. Any questions, let me know.

I look forward to a great year and thank you in advance for your help, time and support of your children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Davies

Torvill class teacher