



# Welcome to Year 4

***We are ACHIEVERS!***

***We are a COMMUNITY!***

***We are PROUD!***

***We are INCLUSIVE!***

# Staff working with your child this year

I: Miss Vieira  
Mrs Hobday

PE: Coach Noyce and Coach Kightley  
I - Monday and Friday  
H - Tuesday and Wednesday

H: Mrs Ruffell  
Mrs Duberley

RE: Mrs. de Charmant  
I - Tuesday  
I - Thursday afternoons (Science)  
H - Monday  
H- Friday mornings (English, French, Maths)

Music: Mrs. Musson  
I & H- Wednesday

# Uniform

Please note:

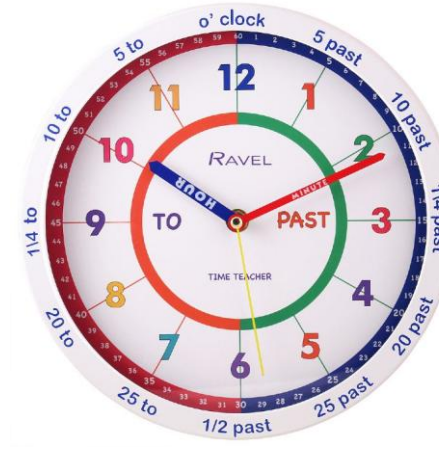
- ▶ Trainers may be worn but they must be PLAIN BLACK only with no coloured markings at all.
- ▶ Black leggings and cycling shorts are NOT school uniform and must NOT be worn as such.
- ▶ Trousers and skirts must be mid-grey school uniform trousers and skirts.
- ▶ Blue IHJS hoodies can be purchased from the uniform providers and may be worn inside school.

We have also made a change to our school uniform policy:

- ▶ On the days that classes have PE, children may come to school wearing their PE kits of blue shorts and their house T-shirt.
  - ▶ On cold days, children may wear PLAIN black or blue track bottoms and their IHJS sweatshirt.

PLEASE NOTE: PE shorts must be IHJS blue shorts and not cycling shorts.

- ▶ 7:45 Breakfast club opens
- ▶ 8:35 Gates open
- ▶ 8:45 School begins
- ▶ 8.50 Early Morning Learning
- ▶ 9:00 Guided Reading
- ▶ 9:30 Lesson 1
- ▶ 10:30 Assembly
- ▶ 10:45 Break
- ▶ 11:00 Lesson 2
- ▶ 12:00 Lunch
- ▶ 12:45 Daily mile
- ▶ 13:00 Lesson 3
- ▶ 14:00 Lesson 4
- ▶ 15:15 School day ends/ clubs begin
- ▶ 16:15 Clubs end
- ▶ 18:00 Wrap-a-round care ends



## Timetable for a typical day:



**1** We treat everyone with respect honesty and kindness.

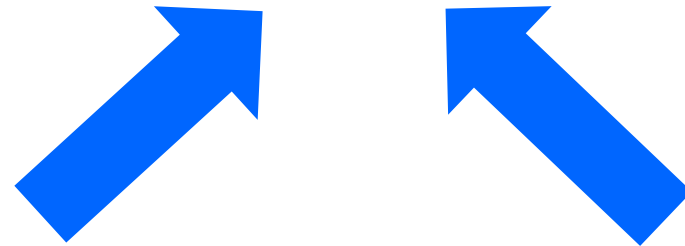
**2** We follow instructions the first time they are given.

**3** We always try our best.

# Behaviour

At IHJS we use our 'We are Proud of You' reward system to recognise children's high standards of behaviour. We identify 2 equally important elements to good behaviour.

## Ambassador Behaviour



### Conduct:

- Being polite
- kind
- lining up quietly
- sharing and taking turns
- following instructions
- etc



### Learning Attitude:

- Actively listening in class
- joining in with discussions
- starting tasks straight away
- completing as much of the learning as you can
- completing tasks to the best standard you can
- etc.

# Celebrating good behaviour

- When a child demonstrates **both** good conduct and learning attitude consistently over most of a day, their name will go on the Name & Fame wall in the classroom.
- If their name stays on the wall, at the end of the day, they will earn a ‘We are Proud of You’ stamp in their homework diary.
- If they earn stamps for 5 consecutive days (from Friday - Thursday of the following week), they will:
  - be mentioned in our Celebration Assembly on Friday
  - have their name printed on the Name & Fame Wall on the ground floor
  - Earn an extra playtime with Mrs. Anglin

Miss Ryan holds a weekly assembly to identify, develop and celebrate the features of good behavior within our school. This will help the children succeed in earning their ‘We are Proud of You’ stamp.

# Inappropriate behaviour

- Children will receive a warning should they demonstrate behaviour that is disruptive to themselves or others
- Continuous behaviour that is disruptive to themselves or others will result in a green card, which will be stuck into their homework diary for parents/carers to see and sign.
- Behaviour that is rude or unkind to others will result in an orange card, which will be stuck into their homework diary for parents/carers to see and sign.
- Serious or dangerous behaviour will result in a Red card. At this time you will be contacted by either an Assistant Head Teacher or the Head teacher to discuss the situation and the sanctions implemented.

Please see our behaviour policy on the school website for further details.

# Communication

Good communication is vital between child, parents and school.

## Key messages:

- Your child's class teacher is your main point of contact for the vast majority of communications
- Contact should mainly be through using your child's Homework Diary
- You may also speak to your child's teacher at the end of the school day on the playground
- If there is something sensitive or urgent, please contact the school office to arrange a call back from or an appointment with the class teacher
- Please do NOT try to speak to the class teacher on drop-off as all staff are busy settling your children in ready for the school day
- Medical appointments should also be shown to Mrs. O'Donoghue in the school office

## Other messages:

- A weekly Newsletter will be sent at the end of each week which will contain some information for upcoming events as well as celebrations for things that have happened in school that week
- Also look at the school calendar on the school website - do not look at term dates as this is Bucks and does not include INSET days
- Mrs. Anglin will send out a half-termly list of key dates

Please refer to the full policy on the school website for further details.

# Our Curriculum

- ▶ We have developed our curriculum to ensure it engages and challenges every child.
- ▶ Over this upcoming year your child will cover many areas of learning including:
  - Volcanoes
  - Sewing
  - Cooking
  - Electricity
  - Swimming (Information nearer the time)
  - Children in World War 2
  - Spiderwick Chronicles (English)
  - Famous Buildings (Art)

**For a copy of the full curriculum please visit our website.**

# Learning Expectations

- ▶ So you can better understand the challenges your child will face, here are some actual examples of Age Related Questions from the end of Year Four.



# Reading

Look at the second paragraph beginning: *But tonight he heard...*

**Find and copy a word** that shows it was not easy for Hendrick to go down the dyke.

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1 mark

*A billion eyes are watching.*

There cannot possibly be a billion eyes in the stadium. Why does the author include this sentence? Explain as fully as you can using the poem to help you.

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2marks

# Maths

$$\frac{4}{9} \text{ of } 45 =$$

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Aisha cycles 5 laps of a track.

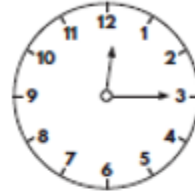
The total distance Aisha cycles is 20 km.

Ben cycles 7 laps of the same track.

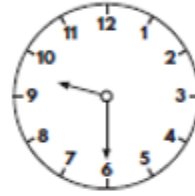
How far does Ben cycle in total?

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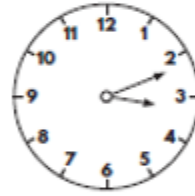
Match the analogue clocks to the correct digital time.



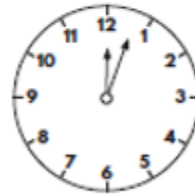
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21:30



# Home learning

We have based our home learning approach on educational research as well as our observations on what supports better outcomes for children in this school.

Each week we expect your child to:

- ▶ Read for 10 minutes a day Monday-Friday/Once at the weekend (5)
- ▶ Learn their weekly spellings **Given out Friday**
- ▶ Spellings quizzes will be held on a selection of spellings every **Friday**
- ▶ Complete daily sessions of 10 minutes on ttrackstars
  
- ▶ Occasionally, the class teacher may set an additional task to consolidate something the class have learned or prepare them for an upcoming lesson/unit.
  - ▶ E.g. a screen time diary for internet safety lessons.
- ▶ We recognize that some parents like their children to have access to additional learning opportunities outside of school so we have set up a learning zone page on our website, which has a wide range of links for websites that can support you in this.

Please refer to the full policy on the school website for further details.

# Year Four Multiplication Check

- ▶ From June 1<sup>st</sup> 2026, over a 2 week period, ALL Year 4 Pupils will sit the government Year Four Multiplication Check.

More details to follow but please know this is a HUGE part of Year 4 and the children will need to work on this outside of school in order to give them the best possible chance of achieving a score they deserve.

## MTC PREP SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER	GARAGE (mins per week) 21	21 minutes a week is the magic number for achieving top MTC scores.	
OCTOBER	GARAGE (mins per week) 21	AUTUMN OUMTC* 	
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER	GARAGE (mins per week) 21		
JANUARY & FEBRUARY	SOUNDCHECK (games per week) 3	GARAGE (mins per week) 18	SPRING OUMTC* 
MARCH	SOUNDCHECK (games per week) 5	GARAGE (mins per week) 16	
APRIL	SOUNDCHECK (games per week) 3	STUDIO (games per week) 3	GARAGE (mins per week) 15
MAY	SOUNDCHECK (games per week) 6	STUDIO (games per week) 15	SUMMER OUMTC* 
JUNE	SOUNDCHECK (games per week) 21	*The OUMTC is our own mini MTC and it is in semi test conditions. It will give you a good idea of how your students will perform on the real thing. Take part in three OUMTCs throughout the year to give you a baseline, benchmark and time to respond to the results	

# Attendance

Research has shown that good attendance and punctuality are vital to success.

**Attendance below 90% is identified as persistent absenteeism by the Government.**

As per government requirements, we have a new attendance policy. Schools are now expected to send details of persistent or unauthorised absence to the local authority for fining. For example, if you book a week's holiday (10 sessions) during term-time you may now be fined £80 per parent per child. If this is not paid within 21 days, the fine could go up to £160 and beyond!

## Celebrating Success

At Iver Heath Junior School we feel it is important to reward children who have achieved good or improved attendance. Our weekly 'Attendance Challenge' allows classes to celebrate their collective attendance successes. When a class wins the 'Attendance Challenge' by achieving 100% attendance for the previous week, this will be announced in our 'Celebration Assembly' and they will receive a mufti day.

Any child who achieves 100% attendance for a term will receive a book token and a mention in the school newsletter.

# Punctuality

Punctuality is a life-skill.

If learners are late, it could seriously affect their learning.

Over a school year if your child is late every day by:	They will miss approximately:	Which is equivalent to:
5 minutes	3.5 school days	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 school day	40 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 school days	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 school days	123 lessons

If your child is late, they are required to book themselves in using the system at the front office



## *We are a COMMUNITY!*

Our children and staff work hard to live out our school values everyday. As a school, we are richer for the amazing people in our school community who help us; those who come in to hear our children read; those who work tirelessly on our PTA; those who share their expertise with us and support us with sowing lessons, DT lessons special days that make our children's school experience fuller and those who come and help us out doing small jobs around the school for free for us. We are incredibly grateful for these people, especially as role numbers fall and school budgets get tighter every year. If you could help us out, if you could share you talents and skills, we would be very grateful. Contact the school office or your class teacher to tell us how you can join us living out this important IHJS value.

## **PTA**

We have a wonderful, hard-working PTA here at IHJS. Supporting the PTA to run special events and take part in a wide range of school events is hugely supportive for the children in this school. The PTA has enabled us, as a school, to purchase a wide range of enriching items we couldn't have afforded without their help.

**If you are interested in joining our PTA, or want more information, please fill in the sign-up sheet or contact the school office so that we can let them know.**