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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 5.

A bit about me:

I have been teaching at St. John's since November 2020 and I have been teaching for nearly 20 years! I trained in Manchester and began teaching in Stoke-on-Trent when I qualified. Before becoming a teacher, I was a Police Officer in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Here is some essential information that you need to know.

- When the children arrive, there will be work set for them to complete during registration. They need to be in school promptly so that we can start work on time.
- I also expect them to read in class and at home to extend their reading time. In Year 5, the children will need to be reading longer texts to extend their knowledge and increase their vocabulary acquisition.
- **Please make sure that if your child has glasses, they bring them to school. This can significantly hinder their learning if they cannot see properly.**
- We have a target of 25 to 30 minutes per day.
- Reading records also need to be signed daily by a parent/guardian or child. If a child's reading record is not signed for 3 nights in a row, you will receive a text.
- The school day finishes at 3.30pm. I will dismiss the children from the side door. As the children are now in Year 5, I will be allowing them out under the premise that they come back to me if they cannot find a parent/guardian. Please make sure you chat with your child about safety and what to do if you are not there.
- Homework will be given out weekly on Fridays and is expected to be given in/completed by the following Thursday. It will be posted on Atom Learning, SPAG.com and the children will have individual spellings. This allows me to keep track of who is completing their homework. Each child will have an individual login.
- **PE days are Tuesday and Friday. I will place the Year 5 timetable online by the end of the 1st week back.**
- I will provide the children with all the equipment they will need for the school day. If your child has a pencil case, I will ask them to put it in their tray and they can get it out as and when they need to.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please pop in or call and I will endeavour to speak to you as soon as possible.
- If you need to contact me, you can click a link on the Year 5 class page.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Poynton.

"SHINE like the star you are."