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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 4.

A bit about us:

Mrs Kirkham

This is my first year at St. John's but I have taught in Stoke-on-Trent school's for 8 years. I have two children, a three-year-old girl and a 10 month old boy who keep me very busy and when I can, I like to spend my free time running and going to the gym.

Mrs Oakden

This will be my fifth year at St. John's! Before teaching, I studied Physics at university and I worked as a supply chain manager for a cheese company. I have a one-year-old little boy, who is just learning to walk. In my free time I like eating out, shopping and colouring in.

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 4, 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 reading a target of 20 to 25 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. We will dismiss the children from the side door when a parent/carer is visible.
- 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 Monday and Friday. We will place the Year 4 timetable online by the end of the first week back.**
- **Swimming - Children will be swimming on Friday afternoons, starting from 12th September 2025. The children will need trunks (non-baggy) or a one piece suit along with a towel. Children should come to school in their PE kits. They will be transferred by coach to Cheadle Leisure Centre where they will change in to their swimming suits in same sex pairs. They will be accompanied by members of staff from school and taught by the coaches provided by the leisure centre.**
- We will provide the children with all the equipment they will need for the school day. If your child has a pencil case, we will ask them to put it in their tray and they can get it out as and when they need to.

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- If you have any questions or concerns, please pop in or call and we will endeavour to speak to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kirkham and Mrs Oakden

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