



April 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

A reminder that high standards are set in all areas, especially behaviour, academic work and appearance, with consideration for others being a key element in our Church School. School uniform is an important aspect of gaining a sense of pride and we do ask parents to ensure that all pupils are correctly attired for school and that children have appropriate PE kit in school and available all week.

Over the next term, Year 5 will be following units of work on the themes: 'Making the news' and 'Building a village' (settlements). During these units we will be focusing on History, Technology and Geography.

In Technology, we'll be:

- Considering how technology and the media affect people's lives.
- Investigating the way in which magazines and news reports are designed and made to meet the needs of an audience.
- Taking and editing photographs and video recordings to create our own news reports.
- Devising and using step-by-step plans.

In History, we'll be:

- Finding out about aspects of the past from a range of sources.
- Finding out what happened on a certain day in history.
- Finding out which inventions changed the history of the media.

In Geography, we'll be:

- Comparing similarities and differences between localities.
- Learning about physical and human features in a village.
- Investigating how people affect the environment.

Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, and working independently and in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through directed activities and asking children to explain their work.

This term Year 5 will be out and about visiting College Lake (Science), St Albans (RE) and Berkhamsted Town (Topic).

We look forward to Sports Day on Wednesday 8 July (Thursday 9 July reserve day).

You will receive your child's annual report in July and it will be followed by an opportunity to discuss the report with the class teacher.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any particular needs, please do not hesitate in contacting the school, via the pupil contact book (planner), or finding one of the Year 5 team at the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hood   Mrs Briscoe   Miss Walker