



# WESTON MILL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015

## Information about Year 5 for parents:

### **‘The Great, the Bold and the Brave’**

Our theme this term in Year 5 is “The Great, the Bold and the Brave”. We will be learning about the Ancient Greeks and Romans and how their ideas, education and battles shaped our modern world. They will learn about famous people associated with major events during this period and learn how to use historical references to find out about the past.

### **The school day**

The school is open from 8:45am for pupils to come in and complete morning activities. The school day officially starts at 8:55am and by this time all pupils should be in class for the register. There is no longer a whistle blown in the playground to signal the start of the school day, pupils are able to come up to the classroom when they arrive at school.

At the end of the day, children will be taken down to the playground. They are allowed to leave their class teacher to find the parent/carer who is picking them up. If they cannot find the adult that they are walking home with they must come back to their class teacher or go to the school office to wait.

### **Water**

Please can you ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day. They are available to buy from the School Office, or if not any clear sports top bottle will be fine. These will be sent home on a daily basis to be cleaned and refilled.

### **PE kit**

Your child’s PE kit should always be in school. Please could you ensure that all items of the PE kit are clearly named. This should include: a plain white t-shirt, plain navy or black shorts and trainers. Earrings are not permitted for PE and should be taken out. If your child cannot take them out for any reason they will not be able to participate in PE until a time that they can. We suggest sending your child with a envelope/small bag to put them in to keep them safe while doing PE. If your child wears earrings to school and cannot take them out themselves please can you do this for them before they come into school. The regular PE times for Year 5 will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday for New York class and a Wednesday and Thursday for Hawaii class. However from time to time PE could be on another day depending on the opportunities that arise in school. From Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September pupils will also be receiving some football coaching for six weeks and will therefore need kit on this day.

### **Reading**

Children have the opportunity to change their reading books everyday so please listen to them read as much as possible. You can use their new school planner to indicate when they have read and to make any comments. Please can you make sure that your child has their reading book and school planner in their school bag every day. School planners will be checked by an adult in school every week.

**Homework and spellings**

Homework will consist of spellings, which are given out on a Thursday and will be tested the following Tuesday. Pupils do not need to write these in sentences.

Pupils have also been given an additional letter outlining our new project style homework. Due to this new format, pupils will not have a homework book, as they are able to choose how they wish to present it. However we will be looking for evidence of children using their skills in English and Maths e.g. if they are making a model they could use maths to measure out the scale/dimensions. Or perhaps they might like to include some information about Roman numerals. We would appreciate your support with this.

**Any problems or concerns**

Please feel free to come and see us before or after school if you have any questions or concerns. Most things can usually be sorted out pretty easily. If you need a longer time to discuss something, then it would be best to speak to us to arrange a convenient time.

We look forward to a happy, busy and exciting year.

Mrs Popplewell/Mrs Clark, & Mrs Roper