

# Lynch Hill School September 2020

*Aim high, work hard, care deeply*



# Foreword from Mrs Tomlinson

I cannot wait to welcome you all in September and hope that it will be the start of a school year filled with amazing opportunities, new challenges and endless fun.

Each day, I feel very grateful and extremely proud that I am the Headteacher of this school: a school where our vision is to '***Aim High, Work Hard and Care Deeply***'. It is important to know that this isn't just an expectation for the pupils, every adult in the school has to do this too. If we are all aiming high, working hard and caring deeply, then Lynch Hill School is a place where anything is possible, where targeted outcomes are achieved and the support and commitment is there to enable everyone to develop, to grow and to experience what success feels like.

I want this new school year to be a year where you make the most of all that is on offer at Lynch Hill, where you are able to embrace challenge and one where you feel brave enough to try new things. You are not alone; we are on this journey together.

# A Welcome to Year 5

Welcome to Year 5. This is the final year before Year 6 so an important year in your child's life. Over the year they will make great strides in their development as they head towards being the oldest in the school.

When your child arrives at school every morning, they will use the 5S or 5A door to enter the school building. These will be the same doors they use to leave the building and we politely ask that you wait on the playground for your child.

Please help your child by ensuring they are properly equipped with everything they need each day.

Above all, 'We Aim High, Work Hard and Care Deeply' and are always there to support you and your child.

# The Staff in Year 5

## Teachers

- ▶ Miss Surrage
- ▶ Mrs Agarwal
- ▶ Miss Tidey
- ▶ Mrs Prasad
- ▶ Mr Patmore

## Support Staff

- ▶ Mrs Ayres
- ▶ Mrs Green
- ▶ Mrs Butler
- ▶ Mr Rawlings
- ▶ Mrs Airs
- ▶ Mrs Runham
- ▶ Miss Powell

# Introduction to Miss Surrage

Hi, I'm Miss Surrage, my class is 5S - that's at the end of the Year 5 and 6 block, on the ground floor next to the playground. I lead the team in Year 5 at Lynch Hill School.

I am firm but fair and like those who are brave enough to tell the truth, even when that's tough!

I want everyone to be the very best they can be and work really hard to help and support all the children in Year 5 to achieve this.

I love chocolate, cooking (or cooking *with* chocolate!), and I enjoy being out of doors in nature, whilst walking my dogs in the woods or on the beach.

I look forward to meeting you in September.



# Introduction to Mrs Agarwal

Hi all, I am Mrs Agarwal. Some of you might know me already but some may not, so let me introduce myself. I live in Langley with my husband. I have two grown up children, who live in London. I am firm but fair and I like to joke around a lot.

My classroom is just before 5S on the ground floor. My favourite subjects at school were Maths, Craft and Science and still are. I manage to find some time to do some gardening and sewing, which is now my newfound hobby! I look forward to hearing about your favourite subject and hobby! Unfortunately, I have to wait until September! Never mind, I bet it will be very exciting and interesting!

I believe hard work is the key to success! Therefore, I want everyone to do their best all the time and be the best you can be.

I cannot wait to see your smiling faces and hear your laughter in my class! I am looking forward to seeing you all in September. Until then, stay safe and enjoy your Summer holidays!

We are going to have best time in Year 5 because **5A is AMAZING!**



# Introduction to Mrs Prasad

Hello everyone! I am Mrs Prasad, the class teacher of 5P which is one of the classrooms upstairs! This is only my first year in Lynch Hill so, I am nearly as new to the year group as all of you!

I am very passionate about teaching maths and science. I particularly enjoy science because I think science helps us to understand how nature and the universe works, and maybe even more important than that, it shows us all the things that we don't know by giving us even more difficult questions to try to answer. Inspired by these thoughts, I pursued my degree in Biotechnology, which enabled me to explore and understand science by incorporating my research and mathematical skills. I can't wait to pass on my passion for science on to you.

I was born in India, lived in Minnesota, USA, for few years before settling in the UK. Currently, I live in Langley with my husband and two girls- Rhea and Nikki. In my spare time, I enjoy reading books, sketching, playing badminton, gardening and spending time with my family. Hold on! I haven't told you about my favourite food. It's macaroni cheese with chips. Yum!

I can't wait to meet you all soon. See you in September! Until then- stay safe!



# Introduction to Miss Tidey

Hello my name is Miss Tidey hopefully you will all recognise me from Year 3. I work in 5T which is one of the classrooms upstairs! This is only my second year in Year 5 so am nearly as new to the year group as all of you!

My favourite subjects to teach are maths and topic, especially the geography aspect and learning about the world around us! I also enjoy P.E.; you may have seen this during break times and lunch times where I enjoy playing basketball and football.

Outside of school I enjoy going to the gym, bike riding, playing sports and socialising with my friends and family!

I am really looking forward to teaching you all this year and feel extremely lucky to be able to teach you for a second time! Enjoy your summer and I cannot wait to hear about it in September!





# Introduction to Mr Patmore

Hello, my name is Mr Patmore and I live in High Wycombe with my wife and daughter. I work in one of the upstairs classes in Year 5. I have really enjoyed working in Year 5 and this will be my third year with this group.

I have met some of you already at the end of Year 4, but most of you I don't know yet, so I am really looking forward to meeting you all soon! I will take some of you for English and Maths in the mornings, and some of you in the afternoons for Topic, Science and PSHE. You will also see me in the mornings as one of my duties is to help everyone get their coats and bags up to be ready for their morning registration class.

My favourite subjects are, well - all of them! But I particularly enjoy English and Topic, especially writing Harry Potter stories. My hobbies include golf, cricket, a bit of snooker, cooking for my family, a bit of guitar and, oh yes, I can finally say this with pride - Liverpool Football Club - Champions! (If you see Mr Jones remember to remind him, he'll love it!)



# Our Year 5 Area

- ▶ Below are photos of our shared areas near our classrooms.



# 5 Fun facts about Year 5

- 1) We visit a planetarium where we go on a virtual journey into space to see all the planets and various star constellations
- 2) We have fun when we learn and there are lots of opportunities to earn rewards in Year 5
- 3) We take part in sports competitions planned by our amazing sports team in Lynch Hill
- 4) We try to arrange some super science-based trip opportunities and there's also a Science Workshop
- 5) There's the opportunity to take part in Primary Maths Challenge for all you budding mathematicians.

# Equipment

## Pencil Cases

- ▶ A blue handwriting pen
- ▶ Three sharp pencils.
- ▶ A rubber.
- ▶ A sharpener.
- ▶ A 30cm ruler.
- ▶ Colouring pencils.
- ▶ A polite request that your child's pencil case is small enough to fit in their tray.

## PE Kits

- ▶ A plain or school yellow T shirt, black shorts, black leggings and a change of trainers for outdoor games.
- ▶ Black or grey tracksuit for outdoor games.
- ▶ A dark waterproof sports jacket is advisable for KS2 children, who are expected to participate in outdoor PE in all weathers.

# Homework

- ▶ Homework in Year 5 is very similar to previous years.
- ▶ Each night you will have your spellings to complete as well as reading and ensuring your reading record is signed by an adult.
- ▶ On a Monday and Wednesday you will have an English task to complete, sometimes you will be given a big task on a Monday that will be due on the Thursday.
- ▶ On a Tuesday you will receive a maths worksheet to complete. On a Thursday you will need to log in and complete tasks on Times Table Rock Stars or DB Primary.
- ▶ All of these tasks will be monitored by various teachers and failure to complete will result in a break time detention.

# Breakfast club, Fun Zone and after school clubs

## Breakfast Club

- ▶ Breakfast club doors are open between 8.00am and 8.25am. The child enters through the double white doors at the end of the Year 1 classrooms.
- ▶ Breakfast club is open to all and can be paid for, in advance, online.

## Fun Zone

- ▶ Fun Zone is an after school supervised club that runs from 3.15pm until 5.45pm. Spaces are limited so places need to be applied for via the school office.

## After-school clubs

- ▶ We offer a variety of after-school activities which can be sport-based, crafts and many others. A letter is sent out prior to each half term to allow you to apply for these.
- ▶ Spaces are limited so giving every child one club per half term is the first priority.

# The school day

- ▶ Every day 5A and 5S door will open at 8:35am and will close at 8:50am.
- ▶ On a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday we swap for maths at 8:50am and maths finishes at 9:50am. We will then swap for spelling, where we learn a new rule and mark our spellings from the previous night. Our break time on these days is 10:05 - 10:20 where you can either go out onto the playground or go to the canteen and purchase toast.
- ▶ After break you will have a class lesson such as science, topic, P.E or art. This will continue till 11:20. From 11:20 - 12:20 we have English writing or English reading dependant on the day. From 12:20 - 12:45 you will return to your maths groups and complete maths fluency activities; practising skills from previous lessons.
- ▶ Our lunch time is from 12:45 - 1:30pm. During this time you are able to play on playground, visit lunch club or 5S is open every day with a different member of staff supervising.
- ▶ From 1:30 - 3:00 you will spend time in your home class where you will be taught various foundation subjects such as: topic, science, French.
- ▶ On a Thursday in year 5, you will experience a slightly different day. In the morning you will have lessons such as P.E, music and computing. These will all happen with your home class. In the afternoon you will have a maths mastery session and an SPAG lesson.
- ▶ Teaching ends at 3:00pm, we then get ready to go home and leave at approximately 3:10pm.

# Trips

- ▶ This year we hope to attend the Winchester Science Museum and Salt Hill Park activity Centre.

## Winchester Science Museum:

During this trip children will have the chance to consolidate their knowledge of 'Planets and Forces'. There are various apparatus and activities where children will have the opportunity to investigate various theories and phenomena. During this trip we also attended the planetarium, where children watch a show about all the planets and star constellations. After this, they attend an interactive workshop led by one of the members of staff from the museum.

## Salt Hill Park Activity Centre:

This is a reward trip offered to children at the end of the year. During this trip children will have the opportunity to participate in various activities throughout the day. It is a thoroughly enjoyable trip, loved by all children and all adults!



# FAQs

- ▶ How was my child levelled at the end of last year?
  - ▶ Last academic year we gave the children a predicted grade based on their performance up to March 2020. This is to allow their new teachers an awareness of their ability and plan accordingly.
- ▶ What is going to happen to Year 2 and Year 6 SATS?
  - ▶ Currently the department for education has not given out guidance how what assessment will take place at the end of the academic year in July 2021. As soon as we have been informed we will communicate this with parents.
- ▶ Will there be parent interviews this year?
  - ▶ We have scheduled in these and will ensure appropriate safety measures are in place prior to these taking place. If there is any change to these plans, we will communicate this to the parents as soon as we are able.