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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year at Edward the Elder. We'd like to wish you all a very warm welcome to Year 4 and hope you've had a great summer break. We look forward to hearing the exciting adventures you've all been on, whether in this country or another.

Supporting myself in Year 4 this year will be Teaching Assistant Miss Woolley who is new to the school and I know we will all make her feel welcome.

The Autumn term is always a busy time for children in Year 4 with lots of new learning taking place. In our Science work we will be studying "Sound" and "Electricity", our Geography learning will concentrate on "Asia" and our DT planning will focus on "Healthy Eating". History is taught chronologically so we will be learning about Anglo Saxons which will link nicely to Anglo Saxon painting in Art. English and Mathematics will continue to be taught daily and focus on key writing skills and mathematical calculations.

Commando Joe for Year 4 will take place on a Friday and PE will take place on a Monday. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school. PE kit should consist of a white round neck t-shirt, shorts (preferably black or blue) and black pumps. It would also be appreciated if all uniform (including PE kit and pumps) is labelled with your child's full name and class – there was a lot of lost property left in school at the end of the summer term and we realise how expensive it is to replace when items are lost! Please can we remind parents that jewellery should not be worn in school with the exception of stud earrings, and in line with Health and Safety guidelines these should not be worn on PE days. Children may be asked to remove earrings before PE sessions.

Water bottles are available to purchase at a cost of £1.20 each.

This term we will be introducing a new style homework which we are sure the children will love! Purple creative homework books will allow our children to both consolidate their learning from class as well as move their learning on. This homework book will be coming home with your child next week – please look out for this! The insert to the book will provide further information about this.

Children will continue to receive reading books linked to their ability from school. Additionally, inside their reading pack, children will have an exercise book where they will be required to complete a reading journal or activity. (Please see the book for details) This will need completing weekly and handing to the class teacher or teaching assistant to mark, the children will then be able to change their book and begin the process again.

This year we have decided to ability set children in Years 3, 4 and 5 for phonics. This will take place once per week. Your child may be with a different teacher for this. Children will be told their group



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for phonics next week. Children will receive 10 spellings on a Tuesday, to be tested on the following Tuesday. Additionally, children will also receive 10 spellings from myself which are related to their age, these will be given out on a Thursday and tested the following Thursday.

To provide you with as much information as possible, I have included a copy of your child's timetable. This gives a brief outline of your child's day, but should be viewed as a guide only as it is subject to change!

The gate to the playground will continue to be opened at 8.45am and closed at 8.55am. Late children will need to report to the main office.

We look forward to a very enjoyable year full of learning and progress. If you have any questions/queries now or throughout the year, please do not hesitate to speak to me, either after school or by making an appointment via the school office.

We look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead and thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Mrs M Moore
Year 4 Teacher

Mrs A Guest
Year 2-6 Phase Leader