



Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Children,

We are both really pleased to welcome you to Year 4. For many of you, you won't need to spend long getting to know your new teachers because we already taught you in Year 3. For those who were with Mr Emsley, a special welcome – we are sure you will enjoy being part of the new Year 4 class. Our classroom is the same as last year, next door to Mrs Essex and opposite the school office. We really like that classroom as it is often the first one that visitors to our school come in, look at and see what we are doing and learning. We have to keep up the good reputation of always working hard and setting a good example!

It will be good to catch up with you all as Year 4 is one of the most exciting year groups with great topics and fun learning. We will continue to celebrate our school values and we promise to help you with your learning, especially as for many of us it has been a long time away from school. As a team we can all help each other and catch up on what we may have missed during the lockdown.

#### **Mr Raven's News**

Like many of you, I wasn't able to come into school during lockdown so had to work from home. I was kept busy organising learning for the school website for both Year 3 and Year 4. It was great to receive some emails of your work and also to talk to many of you on the telephone. Apart from school work, I tried to keep busy and have improved my cooking skills. Although pizza is still my favourite food (it helps me when I'm teaching fractions!) I make a very nice sausage casserole and have improved lots at making a full Sunday dinner. I have done lots of zoom chats with my children, who live in Derby. I have a daughter Hannah, who had her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday during lockdown, and a son, Sam, who is 16. They were able to visit for the first time in ages on Father's Day which was lovely. I also celebrated my birthday this week and was given a lovely home-made cake from a lady from my church.

#### **Mrs King's News**

As most of you will know, I've been very busy with my two boys, Zack and Harry. Zack will be 3 in August and Harry is now 8 months old. How time flies! Harry is crawling everywhere and standing up so there's not a minute's rest! Zack has been helping his Daddy and me in the garden as we've been planting vegetables and herbs for us to eat. We have also been busy looking after our new chickens Ginger, Scratch and Lady Cluck. We are waiting for them to lay some eggs for our breakfast! Last weekend we went camping in our caravan for a few days which was a nice change of scenery. As soon as the zoos opened up we went to West Midlands Safari park and got to see lots of animals. The zebras and rhinos got so close to the car I thought they were going to get in!

We can't wait to hear from you and receive your letters! We are sure there will be lots of things to talk about when we come back to school – who has grown the most? Who has the best lockdown hairstyle? Who can keep up with 'Go Noodle?' Who is Year 4 ready with their times tables? Who will be the first two children in our Make a Difference assembly?

We hope you enjoy your Summer break and we can't wait to see you all soon,

***Mr P Raven & Mrs C King***

