

APPOINTMENTS

There are two parents' evenings over the year. Beyond these, should you have any concerns please make a mutually agreeable appointment with Mr DeBanks-Hirst, by contacting the school office. Children will be invited through the gate at 08:30. All children will then proceed directly to the classroom. The gate will shut promptly at 08:45. Any children arriving after this time will need to go to the front office.

ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please inform us before 9.00 a.m. by telephoning the school, emailing or using Studybugs app stating the symptoms.

As a general rule, unless a child has a temperature or tummy upset they should come to school. If they become unwell during the day we will contact you. Evidence of medical appointments needs to be provided before the appointment date. Every effort should be made to avoid routine appointments during the school day.

Withdrawal from learning may only be authorised in very exceptional circumstances. Please request a Withdrawal from Learning Application from the school office *at least one month* before the date requested.

HELP

Volunteers are always welcome to help with regular reading, specific trips, clubs or events. All helpers have to complete a DBS check. Please see Miss Hemes at the office. If you wish to become involved in school on a regular basis, please let us know when you are available so we can organise a timetable.



5 Harriers
Mr DeBanks-Hirst

2025/2026



'Living life in all its fullness' John 10:10

WELCOME TO 5 HARRIERS

We hope your child will have a happy and exciting year with us. Other staff that are working with the class will be

Mrs Evans – PPA cover & Teaching Assistant

Mr Sayers – Teaching Assistant

Miss Lily – Individual Needs Assistant

Miss Ash – Individual Needs Assistant

MAIN TOPICS

Autumn Terms There and Back Again

Spring Terms Turn up the heat

Summer Terms How To Be a Mayan

VISITS & VISITORS

We are hoping to plan the following trips, or visitors to school, and your support will be most welcome. Plenty of notice will be given to enable you to spread any costs.

Autumn Terms: Institute of Culinary Arts Visit / Chef on the Farm (Plumpton College)

Spring Terms: Rampion Wind Farm (TBC)

Summer Terms: Residential trip – Letter to be issued this term

HOME LEARNING IN YEAR 5

All children should be heard to read, or read independently, on a daily basis. Once they have read a book, they should complete a quiz on Accelerated Reader. Children will also be provided with times tables to practise. Home Learning will also be added weekly to Mathletics.

LIBRARY

The children can choose a book from school to take home. This needs to be returned to school before another may be taken.

P.E.

PE takes place on Tuesday and Thursday in Term 1. Please wear kit to school on the relevant days. PE kit must include blue shorts, white T-shirt, plimsolls/trainers and spare socks, all named and in a named bag. In winter, please ensure warm long sleeved top and jogging bottoms included. Indoor P.E. activities are usually undertaken barefoot; however, if you think your child has a verruca could you please ensure that they have plimsolls to wear.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School takes place on one Friday a term. These will be communicated separately.

Please wear kit to school on the relevant days. Forest School should include long sleeved top, jumper, long trousers, welly boots and waterproof trousers and coat. Please leave a change of trousers and socks in school. Clearly name all items of clothing (Uniform, P.E. Forest School, coats, wellies).

Long hair needs to be tied up at all times, this is particularly important for Forest School. If your child has earrings, then they should be able to remove and replace them on their own, or bring tape to put over earrings.

Water bottles are required every day.