



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, we would like to welcome you back to St Mary's Primary Academy for another fun-filled year of learning. We are looking forward to the children settling into new routines with new members of staff this half term.

Staff Team: This is the staff team for Year

4/5 for Autumn 1



Quartz Teacher  
Mrs Pawsey



Jade Teacher  
Miss Smith



Amethyst Teacher  
Mr Barker



Support Staff  
Mrs Spivey and Mrs Vos



### Our Learning Journey

In English this half term our focus text is *Romeo and Juliet* By Andrew Matthews who has written a story version of William Shakespeare's play. The text has been chosen for the children to read a wide variety of high quality texts throughout the year by famous authors.

For Maths the children will be split into two Year 4 groups and two Year 5 groups, Year 4 will be looking at shape whilst Year 5 will be looking at decimals. It is important that the children still practise their times tables at home in preparation for their weekly quiz.



In History we will be looking at the census and exploring how life changed for people in the past, particularly looking at the life of Mary Bucktrout, a Hunslet child working in a flax mill.

School day - Our school day begins at 08:55am and now finishes at 03:25pm, Jade and Quartz class will enter and exit school through the main school entrance. Amethyst class will enter and exit school through the door on the KS2 playground. We will update you if these change.

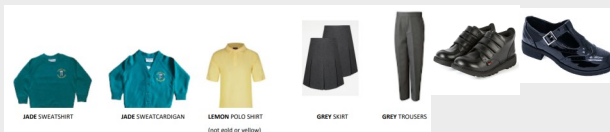
Attendance and punctuality are very important to us and to the children too. It is essential that children are at school on time every day. Children should arrive by 8:55am ready to start their learning. Anyone arriving after the gate is closed should go to the main office to sign in. Please remember to let us know if someone different will be picking your child up from school.

As we have started a new school year we have had a big push on our school rules and we have introduced some behaviour codes that we want the children to follow. They have taken brilliantly to these new rules and majority of our children are following these and setting a fantastic example to our younger children in school. We are still using the recognition board and house points to recognise the children who are showing they are Ready, Respectful and Safe.

### PE Days

Quartz PE is on a Thursday and a Friday. Please send your child in their PE kit on these days.

### Uniform



Any colour trainer can be worn for PE



Homework will be sent home on a **Friday**, this will need to be returned no later than **Wednesday**

Spellings will be sent home a **Friday** and tested the following Friday

Times Tables will be sent home on a **Friday** and there will be a weekly quiz on a **Thursday**

### Contact details:

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns that you have on the following email addresses

Mrs Pawsey (Quartz) - [Rebekah.smith@hunsletstmarys.co.uk](mailto:Rebekah.smith@hunsletstmarys.co.uk)

Mr Barker (Amethyst) - [Liam.barker@hunsletstmarys.co.uk](mailto:Liam.barker@hunsletstmarys.co.uk)

Miss Smith (Jade) - [Lydia.smith@hunsletstmarys.co.uk](mailto:Lydia.smith@hunsletstmarys.co.uk)