

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Miss Steele's class

Dear Parents & Children

Welcome to Y5/6! This newsletter will hopefully give you the information you need to get the term off to a good start and recaps on the 'Meet the Teacher' video details.

Expectations

As well as the important SATs examinations for Y6 towards the end of the year, Y5/6 is also a year of preparation and transition for the move up to high school in the not too distant future; as a result pupils are given increasing responsibility and independence as the year progresses. In return, we expect our Year 5/6 pupils to set an excellent example to all our younger pupils and represent St Chad's in a positive and considerate manner. We are sure that all our Year 5/6 pupils will meet the high standards we have set them!

Homework

It is part of the school's policy to set homework and there is an expectation that it is completed, although it shouldn't take precedence over such things as out-of-school clubs or special occasion events. It will usually be short and used to complement work already being undertaken in class or used as a preparation task. It is hoped that time will be spent reading at home (to themselves or an adult) every day, and everyone in the class will have a reading book which will travel between home and school.

As in previous years, spelling activities are to be done each night, and other homework will usually be set on a Friday (for the following Tuesday). We will also be continuing the 'Homework Log' this term, where a selection of activities linked to the topic will be sent home for children to complete in their own time. **All homework and handing in dates will be written in the homework diaries, which I ask you to sign weekly (see 'Diaries' section below). Thanks.**

Our Topic - 'War Child'

This term our topic 'War Child' will be history based. We will be looking at the war years and, in particular, at how World War 2 affected children. We will hopefully be visiting RAF Cosford later in the term and have many other exciting activities planned. Please see the attached topic web to find out what else we will be covering in this term.

P.E.

Our P.E slots are as follows-

Indoor P.E - Friday afternoon

Outdoor P.E - Wednesday afternoon

We ask that children wear their P.E. kit to school instead of their uniforms on these days, to avoid having to change in our bubbles. Blue school jumpers/cardigans should be worn on top. P.E. kit must be plain and without large brands or designs, and consist of -

- Black or blue jogging bottoms or sports leggings. (Shorts to be worn underneath on indoor P.E. days.)
- White crew or polo neck t-shirt.
- Suitable trainers.

Please be aware that we will be outside in the winter; kit worn should be appropriate for cold weather. A tracksuit top/gloves etc. may be needed!

Standon Bowers Residential (Summer 2021) YEAR 6 ONLY

As you may be aware, Year 6 usually spend a week at Standon Bowers Outdoor Education Centre in the summer term, where they participate in a wide range of activities (including team games, BMX biking, archery, climbing and caving) and sleep in dormitories. Unfortunately at this time we are unable to confirm whether this trip will be possible. We are in contact with Standon Bowers and will let you know as soon as we have more information.



COVID CARE

To help air circulation in the classroom, windows will be open as much as possible, including in the winter months. We would therefore ask all children to wear a school jumper/cardigan every day, as it will be colder than usual in their classroom.

Hand sanitiser is readily available in every room and we are having regular sanitising times!

Desks are set out in forward facing rows and one way systems are in place.

SATs Examinations

The statutory SATs exams for Y6 take place during the week starting 10th May 2021, and will comprise of English Reading, English Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling (SPaG) and Maths (x 3). Additional SATs style internal examinations will take place for English Writing (x 2) and Science. We hold a SATs meeting for Y6 parents later on in the year. Y5 and Y6 pupils will also be assessed, as usual, through testing at the end of each term. If your child becomes worried about SATs, please speak to me and I will do my best to reassure them (and you!)

Diaries

Everyone in the class has a reading record/ homework diary, which we try to use in a straight-forward way, with a particular focus on pupils using it to note their homework tasks. Could I ask you to have a quick look through the diary each weekend and sign it; this is particularly good practice for Y6 when they move onto high school (where an unsigned diary usually means a detention!)

Fruit and Juice

As you know we are not selling fruit and juice in class. Your child is welcome to bring a piece of fruit for break-time and a bottle of water to drink during the day.

Although Y5 would usually have swimming, this is not possible at the current time. We will let you know if and when this changes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks.

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