



We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together

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Class Information Letter – Autumn 2018

Welcome to the new school year. We have enjoyed getting to know our new Year 6 classes. We hope you will find the following information useful.

Behaviour and Rewards

Our school uses the Hertfordshire Steps approach which supports a therapeutic ethos, early intervention and professional responses to complex, challenging or high risk behaviours. We have developed three universal school rules which each class has spent time exploring and these are:

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be safe

In year 6 the reward system used currently is based around raffle tickets. Pupils who excel, show good learning behaviours or go above and beyond expectations will be rewarded with a ticket. Pupils can receive multiple tickets throughout the day. At the end of the school day, a single raffle ticket is selected resulting in that pupil receiving a reward for the next day, e.g. access to a 'luxury' chair or relaxed seating for registration and reading activities.

Curriculum

Here is information relating to the Autumn Term curriculum. If you look on the school website you will see how this fits into the curriculum for the entire Key Stage. This may help you to plan interesting visits that match your child's syllabus.

In RE we shall continue to follow the liturgical year. This term, beginning with Ordinary Time, leads up to the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas. Our themes this term will be **KINGDOM OF GOD** and **JUSTICE**.

Each term you will also receive a termly RE Newsletter which will help you to support your child's learning and faith journey throughout the liturgical year.

English

Poetry, Plays, the features of narrative writing and the writing of extended pieces of fiction and non-fiction.

Maths

Numbers to 1000,000

Place values and decimal notation

Multiplication and division by 10 and 100

The use of all four operations in problem solving

Written methods of short and long multiplication and short division

Fraction and decimal equivalence

Data Handling

How to classify 2D shapes and calculate perimeter

Standard metric measure

Co-ordinate in 4 quadrants

How to solve addition and subtraction problems

Science

Animals including humans – living processes, organs, skeletal and circulatory system, effect of diet and exercise on the body.



Computing

Coding
Online Safety
Spreadsheets

Topics

Music – Hey Mr Miller, Oleo, Touch the Sky, I wish it could be Christmas Everyday
History – a local history study
Geography – locational knowledge and being able to locate the world's countries using maps.

Physical Education

Throughout the whole school all PE kits consist of navy shorts and white round necked t-shirt (all KS2 pupils will be expected to also have a navy track suit and trainers).

Children will need their P.E. kit every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, however more sessions may occur during the week but pupils will be given sufficient notice. It is advisable to leave the PE kit in school and only take home each half term.

Home Learning

Home learning is set on Fridays to be returned no later than the following Wednesday. This may include research for RE projects, maths, reading, comprehension exercises and extended pieces of writing. Spelling lists should be learnt for testing on the following Friday.

It is also expected that pupils are reading of an evening, in order to improve their vocabulary, spelling and understanding. We encourage parents/carers to take an active role in hearing their child read on a regular basis.

General information:

Our next parent Consultations will be on: **Monday 8th October 2018: 3.30pm – 7.30pm**
Tuesday 9th October 2018: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Please note that these dates may need to be adapted for Mrs Glover's class, dependent upon the timing of her return.

The children will be attending Parish Mass regularly during the term.

Water Bottle: All children are encouraged to drink plenty of water during the day, therefore, please supply your child with a refillable sports top water bottle. This must ONLY contain water, NO juices.

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable every day. Children in other year groups may bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable for a morning snack if they wish.

Jewellery. NO jewellery should be worn in school including earrings. Those with pierced ears must remove the earrings during school hours. If you wish your child to have their ears pierced this should take place at the beginning of the summer holidays to ensure the ears are healed before returning in September.

Long hair must be tied back during school hours.

Plimsolls: all pupils must have a pair of well-fitted plimsolls in school. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named. Lost property is now in a blue box directly outside our main office area and is accessible at all times.

Thank you in anticipation of your customary support throughout the year. We look forward to working in close partnership with you throughout the year.

The Year 6 Team

