



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 – Year 6

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 Tolkien 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, which is sitting in a comfortable office chair.

In Shakespeare class, each child has their own punch card and when they make a positive choice, in either their behaviour or academic studies, they receive a reward point. When they reach twenty, pupils are able to choose a prize from a selection of items.

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. On occasions themes move between terms and as such the Curriculum Map is a flexible overview for the whole year.

Religious Education

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**.

Kingdom of God – Pupils will be learning about how we enter the Kingdom of God and what type of commitment is required to enter the kingdom. We will also study about whom Jesus promises the Kingdom to.

Justice – We will learn about the "New Law" and what ways we have a duty to help those in need. Pupils will also study Christians who were called to speak about injustice in the world. This unit will also lead into Advent, the mystery of Incarnation and how God came to earth.

We will be attending a Parish Mass regularly during the term.

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

We start the year by studying Macbeth, before reading and responding to a variety of different genres from a book called 'Short' (a compilation of short stories). Pupils will also be writing for a variety of purposes and audiences in both fiction and non-fiction work. Spelling tests will be conducted on a regular basis



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, diet and exercise.

Computing

This term pupils will be using a variety of Purple Mash tools alongside other resources. They will be learning about: coding, online safety and 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, Thursday 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 will be sent out on Mondays and should be learnt for testing on the following week.

It is also expected that pupils are reading every 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:

Parent Consultations will be on:

Monday 7th October 2018: 3.30pm – 7.30pm

Tuesday 8th October 2018: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

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

