



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 Autumn 2024**

Welcome back to school and thank you for ensuring your child was well prepared for the beginning of term, we were very pleased to see them and they are all settling well into the new routines of Year 6.

The teachers in year 6 this year are: Mr Crump (Class teacher and KS2 Phase Leader) and Miss Freitas (Class Teacher). Mrs Mooney (Teaching Assistant) will be working with both classes across the year.

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, each day a pupil is selected to sit on a comfortable office chair for an entire day. This child is selected for showing good learning behaviours or going above and beyond expectations.

In Shakespeare class, there is a 'Wow Wall' where four children are chosen each week for exceeding expectations in their work and behaviour. Row points are also used to promote positive learning choices.

Home Learning

Home learning tasks will be set using a combination home learning books and online subscriptions. Teachers will outline to the pupils the home learning activity and will guide the pupils into where their learning needs to be recorded. The work set will alternate between maths and English but may also include other subject areas too.

Reading continues to be an important focus, and we are keen that the children read as much as possible, both out loud to an adult and silently to themselves. As far as possible, please ensure that your child reads at home at least four times a week to develop both their reading and comprehension skills.



General information:

Water Bottle & snacks: 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. Many children also bring a fruit or vegetable snack to eat at morning break.

The only jewellery permitted in school is one small pair of ear studs (please remove for PE days), and an inexpensive watch. Long hair must be tied back during school hours.

Plimsolls and indoor shoes: all pupils must have a pair of well-fitted (indoor shoes) in school. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named.

PG Films

From time to time, it is useful to show the children films or clips in relation to topics we are studying in class and as a stimulus for writing. Increasingly, many of the films most relevant to aspects of the KS2 curriculum are 'PG' rated rather than 'U' rated. We would therefore like to ask your permission to use PG rated films with the children to enrich their curriculum. Films and extracts are always carefully chosen and have watched by staff prior to their use with children. We will assume that if I don't hear otherwise this is acceptable to you but please do not hesitate to make contact if you would like to discuss this further.

Pick up procedures – keeping everyone safe

Thank you for your continued compliance and patience for the safe arrival and leaving procedures at school. If you have not yet returned to end of the day permission slip please do so. We are very pleased with the sensible independence shown by all the pupils in adapting to the new routines in place.

X (Twitter) & Pupil Post

Please follow the school on X(Twitter) @svdp_school) and via the weekly Pupil Post (easily accessed through the school website. This is proving to be a great source of communication for our school and enables you to see what is happening in the class on a regular basis.

Parent Consultations

Our first parent consultation of the year will occur shortly after half term and will be an online appointment booking system.

Thank you in anticipation for your support throughout the year. We look forward to working in close partnership with you to ensure your child is happy and progressing well in school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Crump and Miss Freitas
(Class Teachers)

