New to Year 6 Newsletter

A big welcome to year 6!

We hope that your child had a fantastic day. We know the excellent behaviour and positive attitudes the teachers have seen today will continue throughout year 6.

Year 6 Team

Years 5 and 6 Vice Principal: Miss Grice

Year Team Leader: Miss Shirley

Teachers: Miss McIntosh

Miss Durham

Miss Islam

Miss Labrom

HLTA: Mrs Littlechild

Opening Minds

Each month next year your child will look at and work on a new competency from Opening Minds. In the autumn term, year 6 will focus on **reflection:** considering how they have done in their work, what has worked well and what they need to improve on for next time. We will do this through work in PE, art and English.

Attendance Challenge

Each child should come to school every day to improve their learning and to help develop their life skills. In **year 6, we expect 100% attendance from each child**. **Each day the attendance is checked** and if any of the year 6 classes has had each child in everyday then all the children in that class will be rewarded! The **winning class** each week will receive a **certificate**, **super star sticker** and a **non-uniform day at school just for that class**. If a class receives 100% attendance at least 3 times each half term then the prizes get even BIGGER!!!

Can you beat the challenge?

Education and Punctuality

School begins at 8.45 for soft start activities. During this time the children have the opportunity to **check their next steps, finish any uncompleted work, practise their targets and spellings** and so on. At 9 o'clock the register is taken and the first lesson begins please ensure that your child is on time everyday so that their learning and progress is not affected.

Behaviour

The YOYOB chart will continue to be used and a stamp given in the diary for good choices and behaviour. Please monitor this at home and praise your child for stamps they receive.

Each class also has the chance to earn 50 class ticks – when the ticks are all achieved they earn a reward chosen by themselves.

Key Stage 2 Expectations

Entrance: Your child should enter through the KS2 gates by themselves and make their way through the playground to the entrance by the key stage 2 toilets. **All parents should remain at the gate.** Do not worry as there will be teachers on duty at the gate and entrances every morning!

Homework: English and Maths **homework** will be **given out every Thursday** and must be **returned by Tuesday**. This year there will be a big emphasis on research homework to prepare the children for their writing work for the following week. Children MUST complete this homework to ensure that they are not behind their peers. Spelling is also given out weekly and your children will be tested on those words, as well as some mystery spellings.

If homework is not returned on time then your child will have to attend homework detention.

Reading: Each child is expected to read for at least 15 minutes every single day. **If your child has not read and their reading log is not signed daily then they will attend reading catch-up during breaktime.**

Please support us and your child by ensuring the tasks above are completed so that the children enhance their learning and do not have to miss out on some of their breaktime and reward times to complete them.

Find out more about Year 6 expectations at the welcome meeting on 12th September – 3.30pm in the KS2 gym.

Summer Holiday Tips and Advice

We hope that you all have a fantastic six week break with your children. We do ask parents to continue with the learning at home so that all of the hard work from this year is not forgotten. Research shows just how much children 'forget' due to the long break.

Utilise the pack given out on transition day to prepare for year 6.

Do borrow books from the local library to keep up with the reading.

Lastly, encourage your child to get ahead with our history topic and begin researching World War 2. Prizes will be rewarded for excellent knowledge of this time period when the children return in September.