

# YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN TERM 2017

Welcome to Year 6! We are really looking forward to teaching the children this term and have lots of exciting ideas that we are sure they will enjoy. We hope that you can share in your children's learning and will support them with their homework, spelling and reading every night. The Year 6 children are settling in well into their new classes with Mrs Charles, Mrs Walley and Miss Lasenby. This year is an extremely important year in the life of your child and we thank you in advance for the support.

### Reading

Please continue to read with your child everyday. You do not need to read the whole book a couple a pages is sometimes enough. Remember to ask your child about what they have read, what they like about the story and what they think would happen next. Please sign your child's reading book when they read to you, as these are checked to see how often they are reading.

### PE

PE takes place on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Can children please make sure they have the correct named kit for PE. Hair needs to be tied up and jewellery removed.

If your child is not able to participate in a PE lesson, please could you ensure that they bring a letter signed by a parent providing a reason why

### Crucial Crew

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, the whole of Year Six will be attending Crucial Crew. We will travel by coach and will be there until lunch time.

Children take part in real life situations, such as First aid, fire, online safety and road safety. This will develop their sense of responsibility, independence and citizenship.

### Moving On

Applications for secondary school places opened on 1<sup>st</sup> September and closes on 31<sup>st</sup> October. It is vital that you have applied for your choices of secondary schools and have submitted your application by the above date. A 'Moving on' leaflet has already been given to every child guiding you through the application process.

**Although we do not encourage mobile phones at school, if it is a necessity for a child to bring a phone for emergencies, then it needs to be named and dropped off in the office in the morning and picked up at the end of the day.**

## Seeing your Teacher

If you need to see your child's teacher please make an appointment in the office. Teachers are usually available for a few minutes after school.

## On Time

It is important that children attend school everyday and are on time.

Children arriving late find it difficult to settle and can miss out on vital parts of the lesson. This can sometimes lead to a disrupted day all round for some of the children.

## Homework

Children will have a piece of homework every Friday. This should be returned the following Tuesday. Homework is an extension or reinforcement of the work children do in the classroom and we would be pleased if you could help your child with their homework. Spellings will be sent home every Friday. Please help your children to learn these.

## Curriculum

This term we will be covering a number of different curriculum areas.

- Maths - Mental calculation, number, shape & space and data handling.
- Literacy - Non-fiction writing, fictional writing, Poetry, Playscripts (drama) and persuasive text. All topics we are covering we will link into our writing.
- Science - Light and Electricity.
- Geography - The British empire - linking with the Victorians.
- History - Victorian Britain and Queen Victoria. Education, punishment, workhouses, life.
- RE - Covering a range of Religions and festivals, following the Herts Scheme of Work.
- Computing - Data Matters - looking at and creating databases, understanding information held and effective use of using search engines.
- PSHE - Crucial crew - New Beginnings and getting on and falling out.
- Music - Recorders, including Christmas carols.
- Art - Sketching and pencil techniques.
- D.T - Cross stitch and William Morris patterns.
- French - Body parts, colours and basic language description.
- PE - Games - Tag Rugby, basketball and Lacrosse
  - gymnastics
  - dance - Haka (Rugby dance)