

## **Information for Year 6 Parents** **Newsletter 2019**

## **Autumn Term**

Welcome to Year 6. We hope that you all had a fantastic summer break! Here is the Autumn Term newsletter. It includes details about the work we shall be doing in class, important dates and other helpful information. As you are aware, we are trying to link as many of our subjects as we can to create better learning opportunities for the children and to further develop their understanding by making connections across the curriculum. We call this Integrated Studies. Please take a look at our Autumn Term Curriculum Overview which you'll find on the Year 6 Webpage.

### **Important Dates:**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** Curriculum Evening 6:15-7:30p.m. -school journey, SATS, the Year 6 curriculum

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September** year 6 cake sale

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** Harvest Week

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September** Celebrate our Differences Week

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October** 4-6pm Parents' Evening

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** 5.30-7.30pm Parents' Evening

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October-** African Drumming

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October** School journey

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> October** Half term

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October** Inset day

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October** Inset day

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** Spooks and Sparkles disco

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November** 6CG Class Assembly

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** 6ML Class assembly

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** 6JF Class Assembly

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas lunch

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Last day of term

### **Homework:** (in accordance with government legislation)

Daily reading practice of approximately 30 minutes is the year group target. **We strongly recommend that parents regularly spend time listening to their children read at home and allow some discussion time to help them develop their ideas, vocabulary and understanding.** Children can choose from a range of texts, but a variety of choice is recommended ie. magazines, story books, poems, encyclopedias, diaries, letters, newspapers etc. Please encourage your child to discuss their choice of text with you, encourage them to answer questions, think about the text (its main features and content) as well as its meaning. Homework books will be used for the presentation and recording of homework. Homework will go out each Friday and we would like the homework book to be returned each Tuesday with the completed tasks. It is important that children who find their homework too difficult let their teachers know as soon as possible. We can then go through it with them and hopefully clear up any misunderstandings so that it can then be completed on time. There is a homework club on Tuesday lunchtime for those who find it difficult to complete their work at

home. The children who go to homework club have a deadline to complete their work by the end of Tuesday lunchtime. Please write a feedback comment in the book if you wish to communicate about the homework and the class teacher will also comment each week.

**Homework** consists of: Topic work (usually literacy based linked to our topic), Reading, Spellings (these are from the SATS list) and Numeracy- often a Mathematics task. We shall also ask for the children to continue learning their times tables - sometimes the homework set is 'playing a game', we find that the children learn well when they are also enjoying themselves!). Please note that homework will also be on the school website YEAR SIX PAGE each week. The web address is <http://www.danegroveschool.co.uk/>

**HOMEWORK CLUB** - Will still take place twice a week: Tuesday lunchtime (12.15-1.00pm) AND Wednesday lunchtime (12.15-1.00pm) in the ICT suite.

**General information:**

Please ensure children come to school wearing the correctly **named** school uniform, which includes black school shoes. Trainers are not allowed, except for outdoor P.E. If your child comes to school wearing trainers they will be asked to 'borrow' a pair of plimsolls from Mrs Metcalf for the day. Please ensure your child is in school by 8.55am. If your child is late, they need to sign the register at the office with Mrs Moretti. If your child is going to be absent, please phone the office or write a letter, especially if your child walks to school alone (letters were sent out earlier in the week). The school number is **0208 449 4024** (the telephone is answered from 8.30am onwards).

The correct **P.E. kit** should be in school every day and will be sent home with the children at the end of each half term to be 'freshened up!' Please remember that we do not allow any named label brands to be worn at school, the kit should be a plain white/blue t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls or trainers (outdoor P.E. only). Please note, that anyone who has forgotten their kit can borrow the school's spare P.E. kit which is kept outside Mrs Metcalf's office. Although we have timetabled days for P.E (Wednesday and Thursdays for this half term) there are occasions where a coach comes in or it rains on the scheduled day, so we often try to fit the P.E lesson in at another time. Therefore, we advise keeping P.E kits at school everyday.

**Mr Davis' & Mr Huseyin's Surgery** is held each Friday at Windsor Drive from 9.00am to 10am, for any general worries or concerns. Many thanks for reading this term's newsletter. We hope to have a fantastic first term. Please remember, if you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to speak to Mrs Gallantine, Mr Forrest or Mr Langley, however, please note that after school is always preferable as our mornings are used to prepare for the day's activities.

Yours sincerely,  
The Year 6 Team