

**Great Chesterford C of E Primary Academy**  
**Class 6 Newsletter**  
Autumn Term 2024

September 2024

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to Year 6 - I hope you are all well and enjoyed the summer holidays. This term our class topic is 'The Home Front' and we will incorporate this theme through a variety of activities. If parents can help in any way by providing information or resources, I would be very pleased to hear from you.

**Attendance**

The school day starts at 8:45am and children should therefore be in class at this time to complete early- morning activities or carry out morning jobs. Year 6 children carry out a variety of whole school jobs during the year some of which take place first thing in the morning so your support in ensuring they are available at the start of the day for these would be much appreciated. In addition, developing good habits of punctuality and attendance have been proven to result in improved engagement and attainment.

**Staffing**

I will be teaching the class on a Monday, Tuesday morning, Wednesday and Friday, Mrs McCullough will be teaching on a Thursday and Mrs Munday will be teaching on a Tuesday afternoon. Mrs Hitchings is the class Teaching Assistant and for much of this term, we will be joined by a SCITT teacher Miss Bellamy. In addition, teaching music this half term, the children will benefit from the expertise of Mrs Middleton while composing Christmas carols.

**P.E./Games**

P.E. will usually take place on a Monday and a Wednesday afternoon so children should come to school in their P.E. kit on these days. Children should wear the school P.E. kit where possible including during the colder weeks when navy skins or a school tracksuit jacket should be worn. In line with Essex Health and Safety guidelines, earrings must be removed for P.E. lessons. If children are unable to remove earrings, we must have your written consent that school are not liable for any incidents relating to wearing this item of jewellery and tape must be provided to cover earrings. Should your child be unable to take part in P.E. due to injury, please inform me in writing.

**Homework**

A timetable for homework in Year 6 is outlined below. In line with the school homework policy, the expectation is that English, maths, and science tasks should take approximately 30 minutes each week. In addition, children should spend time each day practising their spelling and it is highly beneficial to maintain practise of times tables. Reading is a key element of homework and children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes each day with the minimum expectation of this being to an adult once a week.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Reading English and Spelling	Reading	Reading Maths	Reading Science	Reading

Please note: English homework should be returned on a Wednesday and maths on a Friday. Children will have a week to complete the Science task and practise spellings.

As previously, the children have been provided with a planner to help them record their homework and reading. We will encourage them to ensure they understand the tasks set before they leave

school and have recorded details accurately. Keeping up to date and organised with homework is an important skill for children to develop in readiness for secondary school, so please encourage the children to be increasingly independent and responsible for this when you sign their planners each week. These books can also be used for any comments you may have regarding your child's progress, homework or reading but more urgent messages should be sent via the school office.

Please note that homework may not always be marked in the same way as classwork. It will sometimes be more appropriate to check children's understanding through discussion or use work started at home as a basis for continued work in the classroom.

## **Equipment**

Each day, children will need to have available an HB pencil, a 30 cm ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener but, in addition, their own glue-stick and blue handwriting pen (not a biro) would be useful. They might also like to have their own coloured pencils, highlighters or fine-liners but these are not essential.

After half-term, each child will need an old pillow-case or t-shirt for their D.T. work as it will be used for a DT sewing activity. If this causes any difficulties, please let me know as soon as possible.

## **Dates for your diary**

A 'Meet the Teacher' meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 5:00 p.m.**

Following the meeting, the slides used will be added to the class page of the website for reference.

A Harvest Festival service will be held on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**. Further details will be on the school newsletter.

Our class assembly will be on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. Parents of Year 6 children are invited to attend this in the school hall.

The SWCS Spirit of Christmas concert will be on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. Children in Year 6 and Year 5 have been invited to perform along with other schools in the area so please keep this date free.

We are awaiting confirmation of a date for a trip to support our topic this term. Further details will follow in due course.

Sorry to mention it so early but a future date for next year's diary is SATs week - the week beginning **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.

Please refer to the class page on the website for more information and school newsletters for information pertaining to whole school dates and events.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable year ahead. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Starbuck