

# Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter

*I'd like to say a huge warm welcome back to you all - whether you are a returning student or parent. I hope you had a relaxing and restful summer and are raring to go for the new school year!!*

*I hope you have had a chance to come in and see our NEW classroom – named 'OSPREY' – and found our 'Open House' useful and informative. I am lucky enough to have had the pleasure of working with nearly all the children already in one way or another but I'm so looking forward to getting to know my class even better, working hard and having lots of fun!*

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*For those of you who do not know much about me, I come from Sunderland near Newcastle. I have a degree in, and a passion for languages and have 4 years primary teaching experience in the UK, teaching in Year 3/4 and Year 6 before teaching last year, in Year 6 here. I am extremely enthusiastic in my approach to teaching, always striving to reach the highest standards and developing the best possible education for children. I have very high expectations of the children in my class in return, and have no doubt I will not be disappointed this year. My priority in teaching is to encourage every pupil to achieve his or her maximum potential by using a wide and varied range of techniques, resources and experiences tailored to their individual needs; thus enabling them to become independent (and hopefully enthusiastic) lifelong learners.*

In order to give the children the experience of working with different teachers (and gaining from their specific areas of expertise), they will have the benefit of several teachers in addition to myself: Miss Nicole in Year 5 and I will be working closely together in a variety of subjects to enable smooth transition between these two important years and to maintain the close bonds the children have made in these two year groups. Miss Shara will be working alongside us supporting with P.E; Mr Brentford will be joining us with his outstanding musical ability, to teach music; Mrs. Helen will teach Spanish and the lovely Mrs Kryz will be working with us throughout the year, extending our skills and knowledge of not only digital photography and reporting, but also extending the children's skills in various ICT programmes. If you, or anyone you know of, in the community would like to share their special skills/expertise in a relevant area with the children I would love to hear from you!

Let me begin by passing on some general information:

- *PE days are Mondays and Fridays so your child should come to school wearing their PE kit but should also bring their uniform with them to change into afterwards.*
- *A water bottle is essential – school is not able to provide water bottles.*
- *Hats are essential for outdoor activities.*
- *No jewellery should be worn (except watches and stud ear-rings)*
- *Snacks should be healthy – preferably fruit.*
- *Storage space outside our room is limited, so please only bring what's needed each day.*
- *In Year 6, the children will become used to being regularly assessed and you will receive a summary of these at the end of each term.*
- *Homework Books and Reading Records will be issued - please read the notes inside each for reference.*
- *If you have any questions, problems, ideas or issues to discuss (however small or big) please feel free to come and speak to me before or after school.*

This is an important year for the children, not only because the children will be taking the end of KS2 S.A.T's and entrance exams, but also because it will be their final year in primary leading to the big step to secondary school. I would like to make it as smooth, stress-free, fun and productive as possible. You can help support your child in year 6 by:

- Listening to them read, whether it's a newspaper or back of a DVD! Ask them questions, what is it about? Who are the characters? Did they enjoy it? How and why is the text laid out the way it is?
- Testing them on their spellings and times tables, this may seem simple but the more impromptu practice they have of these the better!
- Going through their homework with them after they have completed it. Ask them to show you what they have done, this is a great form of consolidation. (If you are unsure of any of the current methods-I know that in math in particular things have changed a lot-I am more than happy to go through these with you.)
- Celebrating their successes and encouraging and supporting them to keep going with those things they find more difficult.

Important Dates for the Diary:

12<sup>th</sup> September - Hot lunches begin!  
21<sup>st</sup> September - PTA meeting 6pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> September – Dress Down Day  
30<sup>th</sup> September – National Youth Day (Public Holiday)  
3<sup>rd</sup> October – Teacher Clubs begin!!  
10<sup>th</sup> September – Columbus Day (Public Holiday)  
21<sup>st</sup> October – KS2 Sports Day!! (time to be arranged)  
24-25<sup>th</sup> October- Mid term  
28<sup>th</sup> October- Dress Down Day

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For detailed information on the Curriculum areas we will be covering in Year 6 this year please refer to the Year 6 Curriculum booklet.

I hope you find this information useful and hopefully I will be meeting you all in the very near future. As I said, I am looking forward to this year and working closely with your children to help each of them attain their goals and have a wonderful final year at primary school.

Yours, Miss Cara

*Happy Birthday to all those who celebrated theirs in the summer, myself included! We look forward to celebrating those who have birthdays coming up this term and in the year ahead!*

