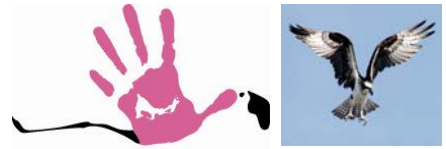


# Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter

*A very warm welcome back to you all after our lovely, long Christmas break and a Happy New Year! I would like to thank you for the thoughtful cards and gifts you gave to me at Christmas – they were very unexpected and much appreciated! I hope you all had a chance to have a well-deserved rest and see in the new year in comfort, and that you are looking forward to a fresh start to a brand new year and the start of a new term.*

*I am really excited about this term and all that is to come!*



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*As you know, we are edging ever closer to the end of your child's primary school experience and the inevitable examinations that come with this. I am looking forward to using this term to really work hard towards preparing for those exams and achieving the children's individual goals so we reach the end of Term 2 filled with confidence and motivation!*

We will continue to be lucky enough to benefit from several teachers in addition to myself: Mrs Helen will continue to teach Spanish; Miss Shara will continue to work with us in P.E, we are working on our volleyball, basketball and gymnastic skills culminating in a presentation of all the skills we have learnt; Mrs Kryz will continue to work on I.C.T extending our skills and knowledge of digital photography and use of cameras. I would once again repeat that 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!

During last term homework was thrice weekly. I was extremely impressed with how most of the children not only coped, but relished this extra practice so it will continue as;

- Monday for Wednesday-Reading Journal and Math(y7)
- Wednesday for Friday –Reading Journal and Math(y7)
- and Friday for Monday- Reading Journal and Math(y7) as well as spelling once a week.

Finally a quick reminder of 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 or regular tops-ups.*
- *Hats are essential every day for outdoor activities.*
- *No jewellery should be worn (except watches and stud ear-rings)*
- *Snacks should be healthy – preferably fruit/veg.*

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

### JANUARY

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>:** School lunch starts and clubs begin

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>:** School Photos and PTA meeting at 6pm

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>:** Dress Down Day

### FEBRUARY

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup>:** Mid-term Break

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>:** Dress Down Day

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Teacher / Parent Meetings

### MARCH

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>:** Theme Week

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>:** Commonwealth Day – Public Holiday

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Keep Healthy Week

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Preschool – Yr 2 Sports Day - 9 am at the Sports Centre

**Yr 3 – 6 Gymnastics Showcase / Basketball Tournament – 9 am at the Sports Centre**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>:** Term Ends at 12:30 pm.

*Please, if you have any questions, problems, ideas or issues to discuss (however small or big) feel free to come and speak to me before or after school. I look forward to another successful term, challenging your children to reach their fullest potential! Warm Regards, Miss Cara*

I would like to say a HUGE (that does not even seem nearly big enough) thank you for all those who gave support last term in our fundraising mission, it was and is really appreciated! I think it will be a truly fantastic experience for the children to have a week's trip away somewhere different and well-deserved at the end of a hard year's work, but this can only happen if we raise enough... so on that note we will be once again this term fundraising like crazy and all support is very gratefully received! We are looking to make a final decision on where we will be going on the trip in the next few weeks. The options seem to be Georgia, the Dominican Republic and Disney World (Florida.) We will be sending out a breakdown of these choices for you to discuss with your children and from this we will then arrange another Year 6 meeting to clarify and consolidate all decisions made and details. I look forward to seeing you there and planning a wonderful experience for the children.

*Just a reminder too that the Year 6 Puberty Talk will be happening in the next few weeks, please feel free to request a viewing of the DVD beforehand(or after) or see me with any questions/queries you have!*