



to Year 6 at St. Wilfrid's C of E Primary School

I hope that you are refreshed from your Summer holiday and raring for a busy final year here at St. Wilfrid's.

In order to help you quickly settle in to life and routines in Year 6, I have outlined below information you may find useful -

The School Day:

Although school starts at 8.50am, your child may come into the classroom and get settled from 8.40am. However, please be aware that whilst there is supervision in the building there is no playground supervision for your child. If you are sending your child in early please remind them to come straight into the Year 6 classroom.

PE:

We have PE on a Thursday and a Friday. This year we are, once again, very lucky to be having specialist PE teaching on a Thursday afternoon, coaching gymnastics, athletics and basketball. Friday afternoon PE will be outdoors, so as the weather gets cooler, please could you ensure your child has a plain dark tracksuit or jumper as well as gloves and a hat.

Homework:

Homework will be given out on a Friday. It will generally consist of a piece of Maths and a piece of English. Whilst I aim to give children work that they can do independently and reinforces work done in class, there may be occasions when they find a task a struggle, if so, please support them as much as you can or encourage them to come in early and I am more than happy to go through it with them.

Weekly tests:

Each week, on a Friday, there will be a times table test—children have 4 minutes to complete 50 multiplications, they are marked on speed and accuracy. There will also be a spelling test on this day. Children will be given a spelling sheet at the start of the term. To begin with ten spellings will be selected from the first column on the sheet. After the Autumn half term we will move onto the second column.



Monthly Coffee Mornings:

On the first Friday of each month (as long as we are in school!) the children in Year 6 host a coffee morning.

Children are split into three groups and rotate each month. When it is their groups turn, they plan what they will bake, work out costings, shop and cook as well as serve on the day and sort out publicity.

This is a great opportunity for children to use their learning in school for a real purpose.

Reading Challenge:

In Year 6 there is an excellent selection of books catering for children's varying tastes, interests and abilities. You are welcome to come in before or after school and help your child choose a new reading book.

Your child may wish to take up a reading challenge—challenges may be based on reading a number of books from a series, genre or author.

Trips:

So far the trips we have planned and booked are as follows -

- Castleton Winter Residential
- Wye Valley Summer Residential
- Southwell Minster Leavers' Day

Possible further trips include -

- Author Visit at Colonel Frank Seely
- The Holocaust Centre at Laxton
- Trent Bridge Classroom

Other trips may be organised but please be aware that we very much consider cost and always try to ensure value for money.

DARE:

During the Autumn term the children will be completing the DARE programme run by the police. This is a course outlining the dangers of drugs as well as equipping children with skills to deal with bullying and peer pressure. Children will be bringing home further detailed information in the next few weeks—please take the time to read through it with your child. Each week children are expected to complete a short piece of homework in their DARE books. Please ensure your child does this and brings their book back ready for the next session.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns please do not hesitate to come and see me. Tuesdays and Thursdays I am generally available straight after school (or up to 6pm with an appointment), until Booster classes begin in the Spring term. I am available from 4.30pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday with an appointment as I have meetings and clubs before hand. If all else fails I can generally be found in the Year 6 classroom or the top building from 7.30 each morning. If you don't need to see me in person, you are welcome to drop me an email: aprilwood142@gmail.com.

Kind regards,

Mrs A Wood

