

YEAR 6 AUTUMN 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school term! The children have settled happily into their final year at Primary School and are looking forward to the year ahead. As usual, we have a busy schedule ahead of us and we hope that the following details will be useful and informative.

Topics

Science: Forces, Electrical Circuits

History: How do we use Ancient Greek Ideas Today?

Art: People in Action

Design and Technology: Fairground Rides

From time to time we will ask for volunteers to help with practical school-based activities; if you have a particular area of expertise related to any of our topics or are just willing to be involved, we will be extremely grateful for any offers of help. Similarly, if you can spare any time to listen to readers, this would be hugely appreciated. **Listening to children read on a regular basis remains as crucial as ever.**

Homework

We regard homework in Year 6 as an essential part of the curriculum. It allows the children the opportunity to consolidate and extend their understanding of skills taught in class and gives us a clear idea of their needs and achievements. The setting of regular homework also helps to prepare them for Secondary School. We set work twice a week which follows logically from the lessons and, for this reason, we expect it to be completed promptly in order to maximise its effectiveness. We would normally expect homework to be finished for the following school day. If there are exceptional circumstances as to why your child could not complete his/her homework on time then a brief signed note will be accepted. **Please ensure that all class books (usually Numeracy and Draft books) are returned to school by your child the following day so that they may be used in lessons.** Spellings and multiplication tables will be set on a Monday and tested every Friday. From time to time, we might request that incomplete class work from across the curriculum be finished at home.

P.E. and Games

Games and PE lessons will be taught on Tuesday and Thursday in Wagtail class & Monday and Thursday in Woodpecker class. Please ensure that your children have the necessary kit with them as we will not allow them to borrow clothes or footwear from their friends. We have found that the simplest and most effective thing to do is to leave a full PE kit in school throughout the term, before taking it home to wash during the holidays. Children with pierced ears are asked to remove and replace earrings themselves. Those whose ears have been recently pierced (within the last six weeks) should use surgical tape to protect them. The first half-term includes tennis lessons on Thursdays therefore the timetabling of PE lessons may change in Term 2.

Finally, please remember that we are available at the end of the school day should you wish to see us.

Class Teachers, PPA Teachers, HLTAs/Teaching Assistants

Mrs Bennett, Mrs Rogers, Mrs Spurling, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Mayland and Mrs Kwok.

DIARY DATES

Wed, 5 th & Thurs, 6 th October	-
	Family & Individual PHOTOS
Fri, 14 th October	-
	INTERNATIONAL EVENING
Mon 17 th October	-
	FRIENDS' AGM
Tues, 18 th October	
	Year 1, 2 & 3 Flu Vaccinations - a permission letter will be sent
Fri, 21st October- NO SCHOOL	
	Staff Development Day
Mon, 24th Oct - Fri, 28th Oct-	
	HALF TERM
Tues, 31 st October	- Back to School
Mon, 7 th November 8pm	- Friends' Meeting at The Tickled Trout
Fri, 25 th November-Non- Uniform	(bring items for Christmas Bazaar)
Sat, 26 th November	
	Friends' Christmas Bazaar
Fri, 2 nd December 6pm	
	Wye Village Street Party
Mon, 5 th December 8pm	- Friends' Meeting at The Conningbrook
Tues, 13 th December 9.30am	
	INFANT NATIVITY (no Babies/Toddlers)
Wed, 14 th December 9.30am	
	INFANT NATIVITY (All Welcome)
Thurs, 15 th December 2pm	
	JUNIOR Carol Service at Wye Church
Fri, 16 th December 6pm	
	Friends' Christmas Disco
Mon, 19 th December	
	Friends' 'Pick a Present'
Tues, 20 th December	
	Christmas Lunch
Wed, 21 st December	
	LAST DAY OF TERM
Tues, 3rd January 2017	
	Back to School

