

September 2009

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to the start of another school year, your child's last year at primary school! Within Year 6, we will keep you informed of your child's activities and daily routines.

We would encourage all children this year to be organised each day, bringing a pencil case to school, containing a writing pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener. We feel that it is good practise and helps prepare them further for secondary school.

PE days will be: Fridays outdoor, and indoor PE on Mondays. Your child will need a PE kit suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities. We suggest that it is brought in at the beginning of the week and taken home each Friday for washing, as it is likely to be very muddy on the field! For this half term, swimming for 6TF and for 6K will be on Mondays. Swimming health and safety rules state that we must have at least two adults present for a session. Please see one of us if you are available to help.

PPA (Planning, Preparation & Assessment time) this year will be covered by French with Mme McHugh, and R.E. with Mrs Campbell.

This half term in English we will be looking at biographies and autobiographies, as well as diaries, letters, journals and classic works of fiction. We will be planning work based on the new Literacy Framework.

In Maths, we will be covering work on place value, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, ratio and proportion, and handling data. We will be planning work based on the new Numeracy framework.

Other curriculum content is broadly as follows:

**Science** – Electrical Circuits, Forces and 'How We See Things' (The eye). We will also look at Food groups, the heart and Life processes. We have arranged for the Cambridge Learning Bus to visit year 6 in the week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> November to explore the topic of Sound.

**I.C.T** – Will involve control and monitoring and also using the Internet to research a variety of topics.

**R.E** – Harvest Festival preparation & Buddhism

**History** – Ancient Greeks.

**Geography** – Mountains, to include a small power point presentation.

**Art** – Portraits, drawing and using mixed media.

**D.T** - This will be after half term and will include lattice work card making.

**Music** – Exploring Rounds and compositions based on 'Stomp.'

**PSHE** – SEAL work.

**P.E** - Invasion Games and Dance (which will revolve around the show 'Stomp')

As always we would greatly appreciate any help you could offer in class with a wide range of tasks, such as working with a small group, hearing children read, accompanying us on trips and so on.

As you are aware Mayfield operates a homework policy. Maths and English homework will be sent home on a Friday and must be back by the following Wednesday. Often Science and other subjects may be given as well. This is because the SATs tests are based on Maths and English and it is useful for children and parents to see what kind of questions and topics are likely to come up. This way, the revision and practise is gradually spread throughout the year, rather than being crammed in at the last minute. Sometimes your child may be required to

produce a neat copy of a piece of work or to finish off a task at home. It is advisable to check your child's homework diary regularly in order to assist them. In year 6, more extended pieces of work or research may be required and a longer period of time will be allowed to complete this.

**Dates for your diary:**

Year 6 Information Evening will be in 6K at **6pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September**. We will outline expectations for the year and talk about Caythorpe Court, which is booked for the week beginning **November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009**, secondary school application packs and SATs, amongst many other things.

6TF's Class Assembly is **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 9.05**

6K's Class Assembly is **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9.05** .

As usual, parents are very welcome to attend. It is a bit of a squash in the Hall though, so we will try to do it outside if the weather is kind to us!

The Presentation from Chesterton Community College is at Mayfield School on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September** at 6.30 pm.

Open Evening for pupils considering going to Chesterton in 2010 is on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October** (time not given).

Last year we introduced the Daydream 'pocket poster' books in maths and science to help children with their class work, homework and SATs revision. This year we now have the Literacy book available as well. These were very popular with the children and were extremely useful for both classroom work and SATs revision. They also contain information that will be useful in KS3 work at secondary school. We are able to offer them to the children at a cost of £1.35 per book. If you would like your child to have all 3 books these please send in £4.00 (save 5p!) with the tear off part of the form below.

As usual, if you would like at any time to discuss your child's progress or have any concerns, please come in to make an appointment with us. Unless the issue is very urgent we would be grateful if you did not come in at the same time as the children in the morning, as it is not always the best time to talk.

We look forward to working with your children this year and hope to meet you too.

Yours faithfully,

Daryl Kearns, Rachael Tooher-Rudd and Birgit Federle

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**Parent Helper Form Year 6 2009/2010**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I / we would be willing to assist with \_\_\_\_\_

Daily / Weekly / Occasionally. Please give details of any times you might be available

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I enclose **£4** to purchase the Pocket Poster Maths, Literacy and Science books.

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