

Year 6 Information



Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for all your support and efforts educating your children online during the Spring term and the smooth transition back into school life onsite. As a school, we have continued to follow government guidelines and our Covid risk assessment to maintain rigorous hygiene and social distancing measures.

Boosters

To support all pupils to ensure that they have a secure understanding of the current and previous years curriculum, we have begun to hold morning booster sessions to focus on the fundamental skills of core subjects: Reading, Writing and Maths. The morning boosters will continue until the end of the school year. Each site is carrying out 30 minutes sessions 3 times a week for all pupils to attend, free of charge. Please contact your child's class teacher for further information.

Literacy focus

While conducting online learning last term, the teaching of writing had to be adapted significantly to suit the ramifications of virtual learning. As a result, the children spent less time editing pieces manually and missing vital opportunities to redraft their writing without the support of technology. Writing will be a whole school focus moving into the Summer term. The teachers will be planning more lessons to write for a range of genres, purposes and audiences across all subject areas. The children will be given writing and grammar tasks to carry out for weekly homework. Please take the time to ask your children about what they have learning at school and encourage to practice their weekly spelling words.

As mentioned last term, encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes a day and ask questions to check and support their understanding.

Keeping Safe in the Neighbourhood

Unfortunately, there have been some instances of children being placed in the dangerous situations while travelling alone to and from school. Rose Shepherd, our community officer conducted a zoom session reminding our children the best ways to keep safe in the neighbourhood.

*Where possible, travel in groups/pairings

*Do not take your mobile phone out in public unless it is absolutely necessary

*Avoid using short cuts that include secluded walkways/ alleyways, stick main roads and well-lit up routes

*If you feel like something unsafe is happening, call 999 (emergency services) or 101 (non-emergency services)

If your child travels to and from school alone, kindly reinforce the same messages regularly.

Secondary School Open Days

This will be an exciting time for your child as their allocated secondary school will be in contact with you this term about their open days. These transition events are a great opportunity for all the year 7 pupils to meet their Head of year, have a tour of the building and facilities and take part in exciting lessons. You may be asked to bring along some items from school such as exercise books or latest reports. We kindly ask that if it is something you require from the school, you inform us in good timing so that we can support your child during this process. In addition to this, please ensure that you inform the admin staff about the absence for that day in advance.

RSE

Thank you to all the parents who attended the RSE forum lead by Mirela Vatra last term. The core unit of teaching around Relationship and Sex education will be taught this term and as a school we have made sure that we had selected the learning objectives that are vital for our children to learn. You can rest assure that the lessons will cover the curriculum without the use of an inappropriate images and will be taught from a scientific and factual viewpoint. If you have any questions or queries about the lessons and content, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 6 team.

Graduation

Preparations and planning for the Year 6 Graduation have begun! Look out for updates with further details in the coming weeks.

Final Assessments

As you are aware the national SATs have been cancelled due to the pandemic. It is still very important that we have a clear picture of each child's academic attainment and progress to inform their secondary schools accurately in their end of Key Stage report. To support us in making accurate teacher judgements, we would like to make you aware that we will be carrying out our final assessments on the **week commencing 14th June 2021**. As we have done so in the past, we will conduct a reading, grammar, spelling and maths assessment in exam conditions to give the pupils a realistic and fair experience.

The teaching staff of year 6 would like to thank you again for your continued support throughout this astonishing year and we look forward to another successful term with our pupils.

Kind regards,
Year 6 Team