

Year 6 2023-24



Welcome to St. Christopher's
at St. Peter's



Staffing

- **Miss Eaves:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
- **Mrs Thomas:** Thursday and Friday
- **Mrs Hughes:** Book Club, classroom support
- **Mrs Dolan:** TA
- **Mrs Rashid:** LSA

Life in the Year 6 Classroom

- We come into school at 8.40am prompt – learning begins straight away
- Mobile phones handed in
- The highest aspirations of all pupils – no glass ceiling
- High standards of behaviour and academic work
- Work hard, play hard
- Growth Mindset and ‘learning behaviours’
effort, curiosity and resilience
- Positive reinforcement (disciple of the week, star of the week, head teachers award, house points, golden tickets)

Life in the Year 6 Classroom

Responsibilities and independence:

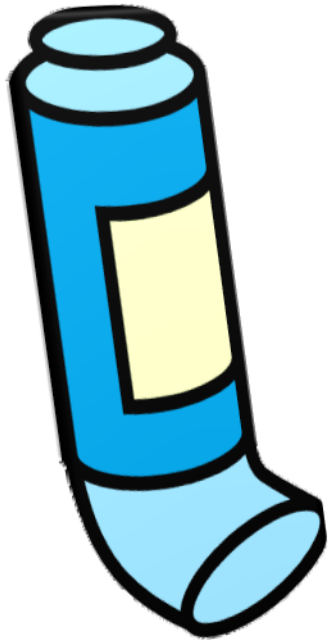
- Head Boy and Girl
- House and Vice captains
- Eco Team
- School Council leaders
- Mission Team
- Librarians
- Learning Mentors inc Sport
- These need to be applied for



Illness

- No child should return to school until 48 hours after vomiting or an upset stomach
- Please inform the school office of your child's absence (we will ring at 9:30 am if we haven't heard from you)
- If a child needs medication that has been prescribed by a doctor then a form needs to be completed.
- Check your child's asthma pump/epipen is up to date and that it is in school.

Medicine



- Inhalers- named/in date
- Allergies-medical form
- Parental supervision for medicines such as antibiotics that need to be taken in school hours.
- Head injury – phone call
- Head Lice – tie back long hair. Inform Office.

Life after the Transfer Test

The children still need to complete the Year 6 curriculum and will be assessed in two ways:

- SATs in May 2024
- Teacher assessment of writing (Working towards, working at, working at greater depth in writing)
- No More Marking writing tasks
- Fun topic work, art, music, PE tournaments, trips, visitors, Kingswood, Young Enterprise, school productions, RE, ICT, French...
- Transition – cyber, social, mental health, managing time, friendships, puberty, citizenship

Ensuring progression and confidence

- Good Learners Remember
- Short, sharp revision tasks – morning activities and lessons starters
- Weekly written arithmetic
- Maths – daily
- SPaG – Daily in English lessons plus standalone lesson
- Gap filling and SEN interventions all through the year
- Homework tasks

Homework

Either weekly tasks and/or project based...

- This will be set on Teams on a Thursday
- Access work and **complete in books. (Do not upload)**
- Some tasks will be completed on paper
- Bring books in on Tuesday for discussion and marking.
- No need to print questions, write answers directly in book.
- Eco school so trying to reduce paper used
- Maths (arithmetic, problem solving), English (SPAG, spellings, comprehension, reading), plus topic based activity
- A little and often – organise your time

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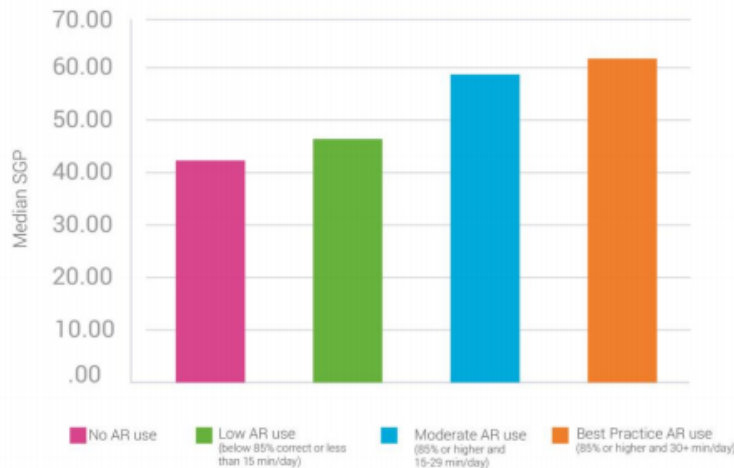
- Please help your child to ensure their homework is:
 - On time – **homework is not optional**
 - Unless specified, takes no more than ½ hour per night.
 - If your child is taking longer than this on a regular basis or having problems with homework, please let us know.
 - We will inform you if homework is regularly missing or below expectation.
 - Spelling test – Weekly, Friday morning
 - Times tables – practice (Rockstars), cracking times tables

TEAMS/School Rep

- Homework is set on Teams – this is in preparation for Secondary School.
- TEAMS used to quickly send out reminders via posts.
- Please discourage children sending messages and clogging up post boards.
- Class Rep will also sometimes be used to relay information -Thank you!
- Please check Teams regularly.

Reading – Accelerated Reader

Importance of daily reading practice and understanding



- 852,295 students tested
- UK-wide
- 3,243 schools involved

1. No AR use
2. Low AR use (below 85% APC or less than 15 min/day *ATDSR)
3. Moderate AR use (85% APC or higher and 15-29 min/day *ATDSR)
4. Best Practice AR use (85% APC or higher and 30+ min/day *ATDSR)

*APC = Average Percent Correct

*ATDSR = Amount of Time Devoted to Silent Reading

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A Student Growth Percentile (SGP) offers a dynamic new way of looking at growth (progression) by comparing a student's growth with that of his or her academic peers nationwide.

Reading – Accelerated Reader

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal>

To start...

- Children are given 1 decimal value to use for their first ever book selection 'e.g. 3.2'. Once they have read and quizzed, showing super effort and 80% of questions correct, they will be given a decimal range to select books from 'e.g. 3.2-4.6'.

This first book is to practise the routine and learn the system.

Children are assessed 4 times a year using the Star Reading test (20 minutes), so their decimal range will change, along with their reading age and other data we can share with you at parents evening.

Finding Books at Home/MyON

- The book they borrow from us will stay in school.
- Your children will have their ZPD (decimal number) and can go onto the Book Finder website to find appropriate texts
- myON offers unlimited access to an enhanced digital library - used for homework and research

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

Please encourage your children to read within their decimal range at home and spread the joy of reading and books.

Spellings – No Nonsense Spellings

Autumn Term 1 – Year 6

Spelling Rules: □□words with -fer □□words with -able and 'ible



W/C 19th September

refer

prefer

transferred

W/C 26^h September

referred

preferred

transferring

W/C 3rd October

referring

preferring

transference

W/C 10th October

reference

preference

horrible

W/C 17th October

referral

transfer

terrible

possible

adorable

breakable

according

forty

programme

edible

forgivable

identifiable

committee

interfere

restaurant

reversible

disposable

sensibly

determined

lightning

secretary

invincible

enjoyable

reliably

equip

opportunity

temperature

legible

valuable

agreeably

equipped

physical

variety

PE

- P.E sessions take place on Wednesday (hockey) and Friday
- PE Kits must be worn, children will not take part if they do not have the right clothing or footwear. Earrings out
- Hockey Autumn Term
 - Shin pads - Mouth guards

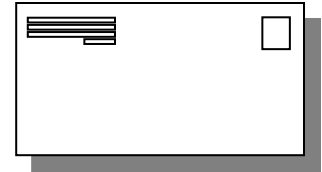


Uniform

- Plain waterproof/warm coat
- No jewellery
- Sensible watch (test conditions – no bleeping)
- School shoes (not boots) –(trainers on PE days) lace, Velcro
- Names on items

Letters to return

- Home/school agreement
- Addresses
- Phone numbers
- Medical information
- Consent – photos (for new starters)
- General consent for local visits



Take home, sign/fill in and return to school next week

Catholic Ethos

- Prayers to learn
 - Assemblies - Class Assembly Friday 20th October
 - Mass – in school and at church
 - Class assembly
 - Encourage respect through rules
- RE teaching and expectations



What we would be grateful for...

- Tissues
- Copies of class novel
- Check equipment – we will provide a handwriting pen, pencil, ruler, scissors, rubbers and sharpeners
- Please provide board pens, colouring pencils and a glue stick.



Friends of St. Peters, Marlow

A warm welcome to all



Who are we?

Friends of St. Peters, the school's PTA and a charity. Charity No. 273398

All Parents, Teachers and Friends of the School are welcome.

We have a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, who are voted in each year.

What do we do?

Working alongside the school to run fundraising events throughout the year.

Our events are varied, we've run **School discos**, **Bake Sales**, balls. Last year we added **Fruity Fridays**, **Breaking The Rules Day**, but we are always looking for more ideas.

All of which goes towards the benefit of the school and our children.

How can you help?

We understand it's going to be a tough year ahead for everyone, so we need to think of new inventive ways to fundraise.

Please help with suggestions, joining our meetings and where possible volunteer to help.

Kingswood

- 17th June 2024
- £tbc – The Easter Disco will raise money to cover the coach cost
- Letter coming out this half term and a separate meeting to follow.
- <https://youtu.be/VvCYH5mBUj8>

Spread the word...

Please spread the word about our wonderful and caring school to your friends and family.



Welcome to Year 6!

Thank you for attending.

Any questions?