Friday, 8th September 2017

Spain class

Important Information about Year 6

Year 6 Team
Mrs Norman (Class Teacher)
Mrs Semaine (HLTA) covering PPA on a Monday afternoon
Mr Robinson (Teacher) Intervention sessions running on a Wednesday
Mrs Goodger (Teacher/SENCo) Supporting in some sessions
Miss Harvey (Learning Support Assistant) Supporting on Mondays and Wednesdays

Please find attached a copy of our weekly timetable. It outlines core and foundation subject coverage. Please note P.E times (Monday/Wednesday). Children need to remember P.E kits on these days.

SATS
We want every child at Fairfield Community Primary School to achieve their maximum potential in terms of their education. To do this, we need you to ensure that your child attends school every day. This is particularly important in their SATs year.
SATs are Standard Assessment Tests and they take place in the week beginning 14th May. They will include tests in English reading, Grammar and Maths. There may also be a Science assessment this year (the government will announce which schools will take part later in the year.) We will do everything possible to prepare your child for their SATs. Please emphasise the importance of these tests to your child whilst keeping them calm.

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Please note - Science/ICT/P.E will be taught weekly alongside the theme. RE/PSHE/Music/French will be taught in units throughout the year alongside themes.
**Reading – the Reading Olympics**

Reading is very important for your child. There will be a focus on comprehension this year as this is a real target of the SATs reading paper. Children will have set reading times in class. We are introducing a new ‘Reading Olympics’ at Fairfield this year – children will have a reading journal which needs to be signed and dated each time your child reads to you at home. We expect children to read at home with an adult three times a week. This is linked to in-school rewards and displays. Please make sure you keep reading regularly and signing the book.

Year 6 children need to bring their own reading book from home. Some children will remain on the Fairfield reading scheme, but they must also have their own book. This is to encourage children to read books that they find interesting and challenging. Books may be fact or fiction, but please be aware that if a book is deemed too easy or inappropriate your child will be asked to change their book. Children are expected to write a short review of each book when they have finished it; this will be completed in their Reading Journals.

**Homework**

All primary schools are expected to set homework for pupils. We believe that these should be manageable tasks that reinforce and extend the learning in school, or which allow parents/carers and children to work together in an enjoyable and positive way. Pupils are expected to complete homework and hand it in on time.

Alongside regular reading, pupils will be given homework tasks to do on a Monday and homework books should be returned the following Monday. Each week there will be a reading comprehension task and a mathematics sheet. There will also be a weekly spelling test. New spellings will be handed out on a Friday. At other times, parents can help children to research topics, or carry out activities at home including encouraging children to use Education City and Mathletics. Please refer to the themed subjects.

**Clubs open to Year 6**

There will be a variety of clubs open to Year 6 this year, please keep an eye out for letters coming home.

**E-Safety**

Many families now have computers at home and allow children to access the internet to help with learning activities. This is particularly useful in Year 6 as there are many websites that can help with SATs revision. Whilst the internet is a fantastic learning resource please ensure that they are properly supervised or that your computer is adequately protected with filters to prevent children from accessing inappropriate material.

At school we take this very seriously. Children will be taught about staying safe on-line. For further advice and guidance on this, please refer to CEOP [www.ceop.police.uk/](http://www.ceop.police.uk/) (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre).
Equipment
Please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform and that all items are clearly labelled (see school uniform policy available in the office). We have a lost property box in our hall. If your child loses any item please check in that box as a first port of call. In Year 6 children are expected to be fully responsible for their own property.

P.E
Please follow the School uniform policy and ensure all kit is named. It would be helpful if you could provide socks for girls who wear tights to school as tights are not permitted to be worn for PE for health and safety reasons. PE kit should be kept in a drawstring bag on cloakroom pegs. Please do not use large rucksacks as these will not fit on the pegs.
We do P.E in Year 6 on a Monday and Wednesday. For health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn for PE, and children will be asked to remove any that they are wearing.

Important Dates for your diary
SWHS roadshow and parent meeting for all Year 6 – Thursday, 7th September, 6pm
Parents Evenings Autumn – 10th October and 12th October
Half Term week commencing - Monday, 16th October
Children in Need – Friday, 17th November
Christmas decorations morning – Friday, 1st December, 9am – 11
Christmas Fair - Friday, 1st December, 3.30pm – 5pm
Carols around the estate - Wednesday, 13th December, 6-7.30 pm
Last day before Christmas break - Wednesday, 20th December
First day back after Christmas - Tuesday, 9th January

Residential
There will be a residential to Weymouth in Year 6 from Monday, 4th June to Friday 8th June.

I hope this information has been helpful. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a meeting. There will be a payment plan for the residential visit therefore spreading the cost evenly over the course of the year.

Many thanks from the Year 6 team
Your child’s name ___________ Year group ___________ 
Did you find this letter helpful? Please help us to improve our communication with parents! Answer the questions below and return to your child’s teacher by Friday, 1st August.

We want to make sure all the information we send you is relevant and useful. Using your feedback, we can improve... Please take a moment to fill in the following questions, deleting as appropriate:

Was everything in this information letter easy to read? (Y/N) 
Was there anything missing from this newsletter? (Y/N) 
Do you feel we send you enough information like this as a school? (Y/N) 
Do you feel we send you too much information like this as a school? (Y/N)

Finally, so that we can be sure you are getting all the information you need, is there anything you would like to know more about having read this newsletter? (Please write in the space below)

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Thank you for your time!
All the staff at Fairfield