



Autumn Term Newsletter

Year 6

Amethyst & Indigo

The Year 6 Week – things to remember

Monday: PE with Mr Oakley

Tuesday: Music & French

Wednesday: Homework due and Art after half term

Thursday: PE in Class

Friday: Homework set; spelling and times tables test

Curriculum

Please see the attached Topic Map for an overview of this term's curriculum. Please come and ask if you have any questions.

Pendarren

We can't wait to take the children to Wales after the half term and stay at Pendarren House in the Brecon Beacons. It is always such a highlight of the year. Please look out for communication from school about this exciting trip.

Trips

3rd – 7th November – Pendarren

Please look out for information on further trips later in the term.

PE Kit

Children are to wear their correct PE kit to school on their PE days with Mr Oakley - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and black trainers. Black fleece/sweatshirt for the winter.

Home Learning

Homework will be sent home weekly on a Friday in the children's homework books. The expectation is to complete the work and hand it back in on the following Wednesday. This will always contain a list of spellings to be learned as well as times tables to be practised along with an accompanying task relevant to our class learning.

Please remember to use websites such as Hit the Button to focus on fluency skills when learning times tables. The children also have access to Spelling Shed to practise their spelling patterns. Equally, spellings can be learnt using the Look, Cover, Repeat, Check method on paper.

Please ensure that your child reads every day and do listen to them and ask them about what they have read. The most important thing is that this is an enjoyable and valuable experience which will further support your child to develop a love of reading.

Please talk to your child about our Reading Challenge and which books they have read so far.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is really important that your child arrives at school promptly every day to help them settle in to their learning routines. It is also important to be collected promptly.

GATE OPENS: 8.35am START OF THE DAY: 8.45am END OF THE DAY: 3.15pm

Attendance is compulsory for all children. Regular contact and communication to our office about illness, medical appointments and absence is crucial.

Please contact the School Office if you have any questions.

Office: 020 8340 489

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Key Dates

Please find below some of the key dates for the upcoming term.

Please make sure you look out for regular newsletters and any communication from the admin team about future events as they are scheduled.

Harvest Assembly – 9:30am Wednesday 15th October *Rectory Gardens*

Half Term – Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Children return to school - Monday 3rd November

Parent Consultations – Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November

Maths Stay & play – Tuesday 2nd December

*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

General Reminders

- PLEASE NAME all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls etc. We regularly end up with bundles of unnamed uniform or sports clothes, which are piling up in the lost property container.
- Children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat during morning playtime.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- We would like to remind parents that the school has a no jewellery policy, and earrings should be studs only, please. Nail polish is not allowed.
- If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied back.
- Please also ensure that your child wears black shoes to school. If trainers, these must be completely black with no bright logos, flashing details or coloured laces/soles.
- We are a strictly nut-free school; please remember this for packed lunches and party/birthday treats.
- We are strictly a latex-free school, i.e. no latex materials including balloons, rubber bands, latex gloves etc.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#).

Mobile phones

If your child truly needs a mobile phone (Years 5 & 6 only), it must be clearly labelled, switched off before they enter the school premises and handed in to the teacher for safe keeping during the day.

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please do contact the School Office, and we can phone you or make an appointment - we really value close communication with you.

Mr Gould and Mr Cummins

Year 6 Team