

Year 6 Newsletter - Spring Term One 2018

Class dojos

The class dojos are up and running in both Year 6 classes and both Mr Lynch and Mrs Smith will be using these to award dojo points and contact parents during the school day. Please can all parents log in to the class dojo so that you can track your child's profile and make communication between home and school much quicker.

Topic

Our 'Evolution and Inheritance' topic focuses on how animals and plants adapt to their environment and how this benefits different types of animals. We will explore the rainforest and discuss how Charles Darwin's theory has impacted on modern science. We also will discuss how we inherit physical aspects from our parents and identify which genes we have in common and even what our own children could look like.

Attendance

School starts at 8:50am promptly so please ensure your child is in their line by 8:50 ready for when the whistle blows. Thank you to everyone who arrives on time every day.

KS2 SATs 2017-2018

The National KS2 SATs will take place between **Monday 14th May 2018 - Thursday 17th May 2018**.

English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test Paper 1: Punctuation and Grammar paper (45 minutes) Paper 2: Spelling paper (15 minutes)	Monday 14th May
English Reading Paper 1: Reading paper (60 minutes)	Tuesday 15th May
Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes) Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes)	Wednesday 16th May
Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes)	Thursday 17th May

Diary Dates:

Number Day - Friday 2nd February.

Half term - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

Parents' evening - Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd February

Easter holidays - Friday 30th March - Monday 16th April (children back 17th April)

Residential

Thank you to all those who have made the payments for the Year 4 to 6 residential. The next instalments for the trip will be on: Friday 2nd February, Friday 2nd March and Friday 6th April. Please ensure money is sent in a sealed, labelled envelope, along with your payment card.

Hot school dinners

Please ensure you sit with your child when you book their school hot dinners. We are having an increasing number of children not eating their hot dinners as they say they do not like what has been ordered. Kingswood offer a range of options for each day, so that there is a meal to suit all palates.

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit into school on a Monday and leaves here all week. PE kit should consist of a school PE T-shirt, plain black or blue shorts, plain black or blue tracksuit bottoms (for outdoors) and trainers (for outdoors).

Snacks

We have noticed that an increasing amount children are bringing in unhealthy snacks for break time. Can we please ask for you to provide your child with a healthy snack at break time, as this will improve their concentration levels throughout the day.

Reading

In Year 6 we ask for a minimum of 1 hours reading a week from all children. This does not have to be children reading to an adult and can involve children reading a range of material from different sources such as newspapers, online articles, magazines, poems and song lyrics. We also ask where possible that you read to your child and model using different characters' voices and reading with expression. This helps your child develop important reading aloud skills.

Homework

Homework is given out each Friday and consists of an English or spelling task, a maths task and the minimum 1 hour reading. Please record any reading completed during the week in the reading log, which will be check each Wednesday. All homework tasks will be marked in class on the following Wednesday.

