



## Year 6 – Spring Term Newsletter

Friday 8th January 2016

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

The Autumn term has flown by and the Spring term is upon us already, meaning the Summer term will be here before we know it, along with those all-important statutory end of Key Stage assessments in May. For this reason, it is the Spring term of Year 6 that proves to be the most important and intense, as the children consolidate their learning throughout KS2. It is vital that your child understands how important the next few weeks are for them and that they are fully prepared - mentally, physically and organisationally - for school each day. During this term, the children can expect more time given to Literacy and Numeracy to ensure that the Year 6 curriculum in these is largely covered before Easter. Other subjects will continue, however, some will have far less weighting on the timetable. This imbalance will, of course, be addressed in the Summer term.

Please see below a brief overview of what the forthcoming term has in store for Year 6. Please note, that as with all good plans, this may alter. Please see our class page on the school website for further details.

	Spring 1	Spring 2
<b>English</b>	The Railway Children – Classic Fiction	Animal Diaries – Non fiction
	The above texts will be used to inspire children to apply their SPaG skills to a variety of different writing genres.	
<b>Maths</b>	Shape, Measurement & Arithmetic	Algebra,
<b>RE</b>	Christmas, Advent and Holy Week	
<b>Science</b>	Electricity	
<b>Geography</b>	Rivers	
<b>PE</b>	Gymnastics and Gaelic Football	TBC
<b>Music</b>	Song writing	Steel Pans

Unfortunately for the children, as we get closer to SATs, they may receive more homework on some weeks. Please be assured that all homework set is purposeful to your child's learning and should be

encouraged to be completed to the best of their ability. I fully understand that homework and reading can sometimes become a bit of a battle at home. If this is the case, please let me know so that I can try to help in some way. If your child wishes to complete additional work to help them consolidate aspects of Maths and English which they feel they need further practice in, I will happily provide them with something suitable. Additionally, there are a lot of fantastic websites out there that can help make this consolidation process more fun. I will aim to add some of these links on to the website for easy access.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you all to look at the Year 6 section of the school website. The children work really hard to create video blogs to tell you all about what they have been up to. Here you can find out what areas of the curriculum they have been studying and any other extra-curricular activities they may have been involved in. Equally, I endeavour to upload homework, spellings, letters and important notices on a weekly basis so that they are accessible from home. Below are a few important dates for your diary. Please note that these are subject to change.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January:** Parent's meeting for Confirmation (6pm-7pm) *Parish Room*

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:** Piano Assembly (9am-10.30am)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February:** Mid-Year Reports

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February:** Debate Heat 1 (9am-11am) *Unfortunately, parents of the selected children are not able to attend this due to limited space at the venue.*

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass (9am start)

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February:** Teacher Training Day

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February:** Half Term (inclusive)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February:** Commitment Mass (9am start) *All children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February:** Coventry Half Marathon (8.30am start)

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** Open Evening *Appointments to be allocated*

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** St.Patrick's Day Coffee Morning (time to be confirmed)

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Palm Sunday Family Mass (9.30am start)

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Holidays (inclusive)

I'd like to finish by just reminding you just how important it is that your child's attendance is as high as possible this term. There continues to be a strong correlation nationally between children's attendance and progress. Particularly this term, recovering ground lost through days off school will prove very difficult as time is at such a premium.

On a personal note, I have to say that this academic year so far has been a great one. Mrs Elkins and I often remark how lucky we are to have such a brilliant class of children bursting with a variety of personalities. I have to nag at them occasionally, particularly those who don't always work to the best of their ability, but largely, every day with them is an absolute pleasure.

I look forward to seeing you and sharing with you your child's progress at the parent consultation evening later in the term. As always, should you have any concerns, or there be anything that you need to discuss, make no hesitation in coming to see me – the door is always open!

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Kind regards,**

**Mrs Jo Hartwell**