



Year 6 – Class Newsletter

Friday 22nd April 2016

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

SUMMER TERM

I hope you had all had a lovely Easter break. It is great to see the children have come back fresh and ready for their final term here at All Souls' – I cannot believe how fast this year has gone already! This term always proves to be a busy one, beginning with the SATs that children will be sitting in a few weeks and ending with our end of year production at Bablake.

CURRICULUM

Below is an outline of what children can expect over the next few months.

SATs Revision: As you are all aware, Year 6 will be sitting their SATs the week commencing 9th May 2016. Please see the additional letter which was sent out earlier this week for more information. We are now at the stage of revising the areas we are weaker at as a class across both English and Maths. On a few days a week, the class split into groups to ensure we are targeting children's individual needs as much as possible. Children should be well aware of their weaker areas by now and are encouraged to visit recommended websites or go through old practice test papers to revise their areas of need.

Writing: We will be exploring a range of text types this term, enabling children to apply their knowledge of these and show off all their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills. Writing is a part of the curriculum that is teacher assessed and therefore children need to remain consistent with their writing across all subjects, including homework when set. We have already begun the term with writing a promotional leaflet encouraging people to visit our city of Coventry and an information text on a topic of their choice.

Reading: Reading is so important for numerous reasons. Not only does it improve children's imaginations, but it also helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen. We do a variety of reading activities in school but I would also like to encourage children to read a book for pleasure at home. As always, reading records are due in on Mondays and should be signed by an adult to say that it is an accurate record of reading each week.

RE: Our topics to begin this term are Easter and Pentecost. We will also be continuing our Confirmation unit, in which children will be exploring a Saint of their choice whose name they will adopt when they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation later this term.

Geography: We will continue to explore rivers, looking more closely at rivers in Europe before moving on to some skills work relating to time zones and lines of latitude and longitude.

History: Our next topic is a study of the Stone Age to the Iron Age where we will find out what Britain was like throughout this era.

Science: This term we will be studying 'Animals including humans' and 'Living things and their habitats'. I will be aiming to get outside where possible through the second unit and will be setting some exciting projects for homework too.

Music: We will begin practising the songs for our play very soon... I am sure you will enjoy listening to them being rehearsed at home!

PE: We will be learning how to play cricket and taking part in numerous athletic activities – we are already enjoying being out in the glorious sunshine!

SRE: This term, we begin exploring SRE through which children will learn more about personal hygiene, the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up and relationships. Some of these topics will be more discrete whereas others may be linked in with our science topic. More information regarding this will be sent out shortly – you will also be invited to join in with certain parts of this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note that these are subject to change. Continue to refer to the weekly newsletter and school website to check for changes/updates to the diary.

Monday 2nd May – May Bank Holiday

Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May - SATs (See separate letter for more information)

Monday 9th May (6.30pm) – Confirmation meeting with Bishop William

Thursday 26th May (6.30pm) – Year 6 Vocation Mass at St. Thomas Moore's Church

Friday 27th May - Teacher Training Day

Sunday 5th June (9.15am) – Family Mass

Thursday 9th June (6.30pm) – Confirmation meeting with Bishop William

Tuesday 14th June - Choir at Albert Hall

Wednesday 15th June – A visit from the Magistrates court (Y6 will spend the morning learning about the justice system through role play and a question and answer session)

Friday 17th June – Sponsored Bounce

Wednesday 22nd June – Wider Opportunities Concert (Y6 will show off their clarinet skills at Warwick Arts Centre)

Sunday 26th June (9am) – Year 6 Confirmation

Wednesday 29th June (9am) – Piano Assembly

Sunday 10th July (9.15am) – Final Family Mass

Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th July – Year 5/6 End of Year Production at Bablake (more details to be sent out nearer the time)

Thursday 14th July (9.15am) – Year 6 Leavers Mass

Tuesday 19th July (9.15am) – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Wednesday 20th July – Teacher Training Day

Thursday 21st July – Summer Holidays Begin!

A NOTE FROM MRS HARTWELL

As you can see, there isn't long left before your child's time at primary school comes to an end and they embark on their next exciting chapter at secondary school. Although their end of KS2 assessments will soon be over, there is so much more learning to be done, oodles of fun to be had and new memories to be made. As a class, they have really grown this year, in knowledge and maturity levels (most of the time!), and genuinely have been a pleasure to get to know, teach and watch grow.

As always, should you have any unanswered questions, concerns, or there be anything that you need to discuss, please make no hesitation in coming to see me – the door is always open!

Thank you for your continued support!

Kind regards,

Mrs Jo Hartwell