Great Chesterford C of E Primary Academy
Class 6 Newsletter
Autumn Term 2018

September 2018

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to Year 6 - I hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays. This term our class topic is 'The Home Front' and we will incorporate this theme through a wide variety of activities. If parents can help in any way by providing information or resources, I would be very pleased to hear from you.

Children in Class 6 are expected to come in from 8:45am to complete any morning jobs and to prepare for the school day. However, they should not be on the school premises before this time. Developing good habits of punctuality and attendance have been proven to result in better attainment so this is particularly important during this academic year.

Mrs McCullough will be teaching the class every Thursday morning and Mrs Chambers will be teaching French on a Tuesday afternoon. Mrs Balchin is the class Teaching Assistant from Tuesday to Friday and Mrs Burson will be the class Teaching Assistant on a Monday morning. Booster lessons in maths and English will be on a Thursday afternoon with Mrs McCullough.

P.E/Games
P.E. usually takes place on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. However, children will need their P.E. kit in school each day in case of timetable changes. Children should have in school: school white sports top/ school navy polo top, school navy shorts or a school skort together with plimsolls and trainers. Children can wear white sports socks or the optional school PE socks. During the winter months, navy skins or a school tracksuit jacket may be worn. As we will be mainly focusing on Tag-Rugby in one of our games lessons this term, children may bring studded boots and shin-pads if they wish (Fridays). All children will need a gum-shield for P.E. this year to be worn for Tag-Rugby. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons. Please inform me in writing if your child is unable to participate in a P.E. session.

Homework
Children in Class 6 are expected to do approximately 30 - 35 minutes of homework per night. Reading is an important part of homework and children in this class should normally spend some time reading each day. Homework will usually be set as timetabled below:

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Reading English	Reading French	Reading Maths	Reading Science	Reading

Children have been given a School Planner in which they will record their homework and reading with space provided for them to indicate the amount of time spent on these activities. When homework is set, the children should ensure they understand the task before they leave school and annotate their planner clearly. I intend to check these weekly and will be encouraging the children to use these to support independence in their organisation. These planners should also be signed weekly by parents and provide an opportunity for any comments you may have regarding progress, homework or reading. However, any more urgent communication should be sent in a note or by contacting the School Office. The children also need to make sure they have the correct books and equipment in school each day and to support them with this, a timetable has been provided.

Please note that homework may not always be marked in the same way. It will sometimes be more appropriate to check children's understanding through discussion or use work started at

home as a basis for continued work in the classroom, so it is important that it is completed when specified.

Dates for your diary
There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' information meeting for Year 6 parents on **Tuesday 11th September** at 4:00pm.
The Harvest Festival will be on **Friday 28th September** at 9:30 a.m. in the church.
This term's trip will be to Bletchley Park to support our topic of the 'The Home Front.' A provisional date of **Friday 2nd November** has been booked for this with more details to follow. Once again, the children will be performing in the Spirit of Christmas concert on **Saturday 8th December**. As soon as we have confirmation regarding timings, we will let you know. Through classwork in music, the children will all be participating in the Carol Competition and as part of the School Choir will be learning songs to perform at this special occasion so please save this date in order that as many children as possible can be involved.
Our class assembly will be on **Friday 16th November**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sorry to mention it so early but a future date for next year's diary is SATs week - the week beginning **Monday 13th May**.

For our D.T. work this term, each child will need an old pillow case or t-shirt for their DT work to use in a sewing activity. I would be grateful if this could be in school by **Monday 15th October**. If this causes any difficulties, please let me know in advance of this date.

Please see the website for other dates for the year.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable year ahead. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Starbuck