

Great Chesterford C of E Primary Academy
Class 6 Newsletter
Autumn Term 2020

September 2020

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to Year 6 - I hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays and are safe and well.

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 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 Sargeant will be teaching Maths each day and science on a Thursday afternoon. Mrs Chambers will be teaching French on a Monday afternoon. Mrs Balchin is the class Teaching Assistant from Tuesday to Friday mornings and Mrs Munday and Mrs Mannix will also be providing additional support during the week.

P.E/Games

P.E. will take place on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Children will need to come to school in their P.E kit on these days. Children should wear the school white sports top/ school navy polo top, school navy shorts or a school skirt 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 should be worn. For the first half-term, the focus will be netball and Sports Hall Athletics while in the second half of the term, the children will develop Tag Rugby skills. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons and hair tied back. 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 at least 15 minutes reading each day. Homework will usually be set as timetabled below:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Reading English French	Reading Spelling	Reading Maths	Reading Science	Reading

English homework will normally need to be completed by Wednesday and Maths by Friday the same week. For all other homework, the children will have a full week to complete the set task. Children will be 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 and when it should be returned. When homework is set, the children should ensure they understand the task before they leave school and annotate their planner clearly. I will check these weekly and will be encouraging the children to use these to support independence in their organisation but initially, they may require your support with this. 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 will be provided. It would be beneficial for them to have a dedicated homework file (plastic envelope type) to store their homework sheets in their school bags. While we would still like to encourage children to be responsible for their own possessions, this year, we would ask that if the children have their own pencil case, these should be left in school rather than taken home each day.

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.

Other Curricular information

For our D.T. work this term, each child will need an old pillow- case or t-shirt to use in a sewing activity. Ideally, this should be in a poly-cotton or jersey fabric that does not fray easily. I would be grateful if this could be in school straight after half term on **Monday 2nd November**. If this causes any difficulties, please let me know in advance of this date.

There are no communal art-shirts available so please ensure your child brings to school a named, old T-shirt or shirt that they can easily slip over their uniform for art and DT activities as soon as possible.

Walking Home

In Year 6, for those children living in the village, you may wish for your child to walk/cycle home unaccompanied at the end of the school day. If that is the case, please let the school office know by email so that we have an up-to-date record of permission. Any occasional permissions need to be emailed to the school office by 1 pm on the required day to ensure messages can be passed on. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Dates for your diary

A 'Meet the Teacher' presentation will be available from the afternoon of **Tuesday 8th September** on the Class 6 page of the school website. Our virtual class assembly will be on **Friday 4th December**. Although some way off, for information, **SATs week in 2021 is W.C. 10th May**. Any further dates will be shared with you in due course and whole school events via the school Newsletter and website.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Starbuck