



WESTON MILL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 11th September 2015

Information about Year 6 for parents:

Alaska Class (Miss Catherwood) and California Class (Mrs Bailey)

Welcome to Year 6! This is a really important year for Year 6 and it is vital that homework and home tasks, as well as regular reading at home are completed to ensure your child has the best possible opportunity to achieve well in their SATs in May. We have a very busy but exciting year ahead and our aim is to ensure that every Year 6 child will be successful.

“What a Wonderful World”

Our theme this term in Year 6 is “What a Wonderful World”. We will be learning about the volcanoes and earthquakes and the impact of a natural disaster on the local people and environment. They will learn about the geography of our earth and what causes these natural disasters to take place.

The school day

The school is open from 8:45am for pupils to come in and complete morning activities. The school day officially starts at 8:55am and by this time all pupils should be in class for the register. There is no longer a whistle blown in the playground to signal the start of the school day, pupils are able to come up to the classroom when they arrive at school.

At the end of the day, children will be taken down to the playground. They are allowed to leave their class teacher to find the parent/carer who is picking them up. If they cannot find the adult that they are walking home with they must come back to their class teacher or go to the school office to wait.

Water

Please can you ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day. They are available to buy from the School Office, or if not any clear sports top bottle will be fine. These will be sent home on a daily basis to be cleaned and refilled.

PE kit

Your child's PE kit should always be in school. Please ensure that all items of the PE kit are clearly named. This should include: a plain white t-shirt, plain navy or black shorts and trainers. Earrings are not permitted for PE and should be taken out. If your child cannot take them out for any reason they will not be able to participate in PE until a time that they can. We suggest sending your child with an envelope/small bag to put them in to keep them safe while doing PE. If your child wears earrings to school and cannot take them out themselves please do this for them before they come into school. The regular PE times for Year 6 will be on a Monday and Wednesday. However, from time to time, PE could be on another day depending on the opportunities that arise in school.

Reading

Children have the opportunity to change their reading books everyday so please listen to them read as much as possible. You can use their new school planner to indicate when they have read and to make any comments. Please ensure that your child has their

reading book and school planner in their school bag every day. School planners will be checked by an adult in school once a week.

Homework and spellings

Homework will consist of spellings, which are given out on a Thursday and will be tested the following Tuesday. Times tables will also be tested every Tuesday, please ensure you work on these with your child at home too. They will also have a piece of English and Maths to be completed in their revision books. Please aim to spend at least 20 minutes per week completing these pages.

Pupils have also been given an additional letter outlining our new project style homework. Due to this new format, pupils will not have a homework book, as they are able to choose how they wish to present it. However we will be looking for evidence of children using their skills in English and Maths e.g. if they are making a model they could use maths to measure out the scale/dimensions. Or perhaps they might like to include some information about Roman numerals. We would appreciate your support with this. Please aim to spend 20 minutes per week on your project.

Any problems or concerns

Please feel free to come and see us before or after school if you have any questions or concerns. Most things can usually be sorted out pretty easily. If you need a longer time to discuss something, then it would be best to speak to us to arrange a convenient time.

We look forward to a happy, busy and exciting year.

Mrs Bailey and Miss Catherwood
Year 6 Teachers