



# St Anthony's News

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## Year 6 Newsletter

We have been so impressed with how the Year 6 children have settled into a new year group with their new teachers, especially after an extended period at home. We are so glad to be back with the children and have loved hearing about all of the wonderful experiences they have had at home with their families over the last few months. Unfortunately, we are not able to hold the 'Meet the Teacher' parent meetings we would usually arrange in the first week of the new school year, so you will find the key information for your child's year group detailed below.

### Year 6 Staff

Teachers	TAs
Miss Foulds 6CF	Mr Ryder
Mr Glynn & Miss Paton 6GP	Mr Mogadasnia
Miss Finan 6PF	Mrs Borowicz & Mrs Hopwood

(We also have Mrs Burns working with us in Year 6, running booster sessions.)

### Timetable

Year 6						
Day	8.30-9.00am	9.00am-9.45am	9.45am-10.45am	11.00am-12.00pm	1.00pm- 3.00pm	
Mon	4 Rules	Assembly/Faith in Action	Maths	Big Read	Topic (Gardening on half termly basis in groups of 10)	Story
Tue	Handwriting/ Fix It	RE	Maths	Literacy	Topic	Singing 2.15pm (post Covid)
Wed	4 Rules/ Fix It	PE	Maths	Literacy	Topic	Story
Thu	Comprehension	RE & Worship	Maths	Literacy	PPA – Music/PE/ICT/MFL/PSHE	
Fri	4 Rules	PE	Big Maths	Literacy	Topic	2.30 Assembly

### Topics

This year we have several new, exciting topics in Year 6. This half-term we are exploring the topic, 'A World of Bright Ideas'. This topic focuses on the creative process of invention and design. We will focus mainly on History and Design Technology. We will explore inventions from the past and how these have developed over time. We will also cover Dance, ICT, Music and PSHE. In our Science lessons we will learn about electricity (one of the greatest inventions of all time!) We will also look at current issues in invention today.



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## **Homework**

Unfortunately, we are not able to send out homework at this point due to the current COVID situation. Our main target at this moment is to maintain the smooth running of the school day and we will look at the feasibility of homework, after school clubs etc, once routines are established.

## **Home Reading**

We have organised a new system for home reading books to ensure children are not taking books home that have just been used by another child. All books that children return to school will be placed in a basket which will then be stored away for 48 hours. Please ensure children are reading each night and you have signed their reading records. These should be in school every day and can be used as a means of communication between home and school. In Year 6, children are expected to read a minimum of one chapter each evening, therefore, they can keep one book for a couple of weeks. We also encourage children to read their own books at home and a variety of other texts; newspapers, poems, comics etc.

## **Uniform**

Please make sure your child is in their full school uniform each day. If you have not yet collected your child's free jumper and tie, please see the main school office.

A reminder that our school uniform consists of:

- Maroon jumper with school logo
- White shirt
- Maroon striped tie
- Grey skirt/ pinafore or trousers
- Black school shoes

## **PE/PE Kits**

PE takes place twice a week for children in KS1 and three times a week for KS2. For Year 6, PE will take place on Wednesday morning, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Although we are asking that PE kits are left in school until the October half term for ease of routine, if you do wish to take your child's PE kit home at the end of the week to wash, we simply ask that you ensure it is returned to school for their next PE lesson. Children won't be able to take part in PE unless their kit has been returned to school.

A reminder that our school PE kit consists of:

- Plain sky blue polo shirt
- Plain maroon shorts
- Plain maroon or black tracksuit bottoms
- Plain maroon sports jumper
- White sports socks
- Trainers



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## **General Reminders**

- Please make sure your child is only bringing the following items into school – book bag (including reading record and reading book), PE kit, lunchbox and water bottle.
- The gates are now open from 8.30am until 9.00am at the start of the day, and 2.45pm until just after 3.00pm at the end of the day, to minimise crowding.
- Please ensure there is only one adult collecting your child from the playground.
- Please remind your child that if they are bringing their phone into school, it must be switched off and handed to their class teacher at the beginning of each day.

## **Meeting with teachers**

If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, you will need to wait until all of the other children have been collected at the end of the day. If you do not collect your child from school, please phone the main school office and ask for a phone call or meeting to be arranged. All queries or concerns need to go through the class teacher in the first instance.

## **Thank You**

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you for following all of the new routines and guidance as we try to navigate our way through the current situation together. We still have lots of exciting things planned for the year in Year 6; however, we do have to be mindful that things may be different and will take some getting used to. Please ensure the office have your most recent contact details and you have access to the Connect Parent App so you are able to stay updated with any changes or upcoming events.

Kind regards,

The Year 6 Team