



Eagle Class

Autumn Term Newsletter



12th September, 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope that you all enjoyed your summer break and are ready for another year's learning. This newsletter accompanies our meet the teacher meeting, so hopefully it will remind you of all aspects discussed. If you couldn't make the meeting then this letter outlines the class routines, including homework, for the year and explains briefly what Eagle class will be learning this term. I hope you find the following information useful in helping you to support your child's learning

Reminders for mornings and afternoons

As the children are now in Year 6, I am sure that some of them will be entering and leaving the school on their own. In the morning all children should remain on the front playground until they hear the bell. If they are waiting there on their own, they should not be there any earlier than 08:35. They should wait sensibly as there are many parents and younger children around. On hearing the bell, they should walk round to the back playground and line up sensibly. At the end of the school day I will dismiss the class from the classroom and expect the children to walk around to the front playground. Parents who collect their children, please wait on the front playground and your child will come to meet you. If they cannot see you, I expect them to either come back to the classroom to find me or go to the office to wait for you. They should not be waiting on the playground for long on their own. Children who walk home on their own, I expect them to leave school promptly and go straight home following any instructions that you have provided for them.

Homework

All children have been given a homework diary and folders for their work. It is important that the diary is in school daily in order for homework tasks to be recorded. If there are any difficulties with the homework, please write a note in the diary and ask your child to show me. I would ask that you check your child's homework diary daily so that you can support them in their work. Please also sign it weekly to acknowledge you have seen their homework and they have completed it successfully.

As a general rule, the following homework is set:-

° Monday - Spellings and Tables

Spelling words and CGP book activity to complete at home in preparation for a spelling test on Friday.

Tables to learn in preparation for a test on Friday.

° Wednesday – Maths task to be handed in on Monday.

Topic homework will be set from a homework grid half termly for the autumn term only.

A record of this has been glued into the front of your child's homework diary and I will update it as the term changes.

In addition, children are expected to read regularly at home. There is a selection of books in our class library for the children to borrow but they are welcome to read suitable books from home as long as they can be brought into school. Please monitor your child's reading, either listening to them read or discussing the story - characters, setting, plot etc.

This supports comprehension hugely. It is important that their reading book is in school daily as there will be opportunities during the day for reading.

Homework will change as the year goes on and we begin to use the CGP books for revision. More information about these revision books will follow later in the year.

PE

The class will have a games lesson on a Tuesday afternoon; this will be led by a Premier Sports coach as it was in Y5. Their second PE lesson will be on a Thursday afternoon with me. **Children must have a named PE kit in school at all times.** This should include **both indoor and outdoor clothes.** Trainers for outside and plimsolls for inside would be best. Games will still go ahead outside in colder weather. When this time arrives, please send your child in with a jumper and if possible a pack-a-mac, a plastic bag for dirty shoes is also very helpful. Please ensure that your child has their hair tied up and earrings are removed or that they are covered securely on PE days. Should your child not be able to participate in PE, please put this in writing to me. Some children will swim in the spring term; a letter will be sent home to those who this applies to.

Topics

Our main topic this term will be Rivers. In R.E we will be looking at Expressions of Belief, Rituals and Practice in Christianity and Buddhism. Science will be taught by Mrs Kemp and the class will look at animals including humans in the autumn term.

Expectations for Year 6

Now that the children are in Y6 they have had many years of school and classroom rules. It is my expectation that all children follow these rules and be good role models for the younger members of the school. We have such a busy year ahead that they do not have time to misuse valuable learning time.

All children are encouraged to bring in a pencil case from home. Items to bring are, a pen, pencil, rubber, pencil sharpener, coloured pencils or felt-tips, a highlighter and a glue stick. Please discourage your child from bringing expensive stationery products into school as this can easily lead to problems/upset if things get lost. It would be ideal if items could be named or initialed and be in a sensible size and style pencil case.

Although this year should begin to prepare your child for secondary school, they will still require reminders from their adults. Please encourage and support your child to come to school prepared for the day. Homework folders containing homework diaries, correct homework, a reading book, water bottle need to be in school every day. PE kits should remain in school every day for the half term.

Finally, a message to parents, there are mornings where I do not have any adult support. I would ask that if you need to see me for any reason, please come after school. Any delays in the mornings will impact on the start time of lessons. Alternatives to coming in are, write a note and give it to your child for me or go to the office and the message will be passed on. If you feel that it cannot wait and you think it will impact your child during that day then please do come in.

Dates – Please see school newsletter for more diary dates

20th September – Acle transition day – form already sent. Deadline was 9th Sept.

w/c 7th October – Parent consultation evenings (sign-up sheet will be left on the classroom door a week before)

10th October – NHS Height and Weight – letter already sent out

5th December – ‘Bring your parent to school – Christmas craft’ 9-10am

17th December – Y4-6 Carol Concert 9am/2pm. Tickets needed. A letter will detail all information

Advanced Dates – w/c 11th May – SATs Week

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