



Class 5 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term in Class 5. I can hardly believe how quickly the year has passed! I hope you all had a fantastic Easter and your child is well rested and ready to face the new challenges ahead. If you have any concerns or questions about anything at all please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mr. Musgrave

This term's topics:

Literacy: This half-term, we will be reading another book by Michael Morpurgo, called 'Kaspar, Prince of Cats'. Pupils will be learning of the adventures and tragedies that occur in this novel, including the sinking of the Titanic. Using this text, pupils will be writing diary entries, personal letters to loved ones, newspaper reports on the events surrounding the Titanic, and setting descriptions. The children will also be exploring a range of genres through our curriculum topic, 'Marvellous Mexico'

Numeracy: During Summer term, pupils will be learning about decimals, fraction and percentage equivalents. They will then be analysing data and different statistics, which are then placed into a range of different graphs and tables. Pupils will also be reading and converting different measurements.

Science: 'Animals, including Humans' in which pupils will be investigating the digestive system and healthy nutrition. They will also be learning about the functions of the heart; blood vessels and how healthy lifestyles can affect these. Later on, pupils will be using first-hand observations to learn about forces.

Physical Education: Tag rugby & Athletics.

Geography: 'What, why and where? Sustainable tourism around the world', with a particular focus on human geography in Mexico.

Creative Curriculum: 'Marvellous Mexico'.

This term the majority of our creative work will be based on Mexico. Children will be exploring Mexican food in DT and creating their own healthy Mexican meal. In addition to this, they will also investigate the history of the Mayans. In art, the children are going to be developing collage and drawing techniques.

Diary Dates

Mon 17 th April	Children back at school
Mon 1 st May	School closed - BANK HOLIDAY
Fri 5 th May	Celebration of the forthcoming coronation of King Charles III
Mon 8 th May	School closed - BANK HOLIDAY
9 th - 12 th May	Year 6 SAT's week
Wed 24 th May	10.00am - Year 4 Open Worship in school 'Ascension & Pentecost'
Thu 25 th May	Kingsway meeting for Year 6 parents - 3.30pm
Fri 26 th May	Last Day of Summer 1
Mon 5 th June	Back to school after the half term break
Tue 6 th June	Year 6 Leaver's Service at Durham Cathedral
Fri 16 th June	Diversity Well-Being Day
W/B 19 th June	Aspirations week
26 th - 30 th June	Year 6 at Kingsway Residential Centre
W/B 26 th June	Assessment week in school
Thu 6 th July	Years 1-6 Sports day - 1.15pm
Tue 11 th July	Year 6 Parkside Induction
Tue 11 th July	'Moving up' day in school
Fri 14 th July	Reports out
Fri 14 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Disco at Cricket Club - 7pm to 10pm
Tue 18 th July	10.00am - Year 5 Open Worship - dedicated to Year 6
Tue 18 th July	Y3/Y4/Y5 & Y6 Parents Evening - 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Wed 19 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Service at St Stephen's Church - 6.00pm
Fri 21 st July	Year 6 Leaver's Service in school - 9.15am
	School breaks up for Summer Holidays
Fri 21 st July	Children return to school on Wed 6 th September 2023

Children are allowed to wear one pair of small stud pierced earrings except for the days when they have PE or swimming. On these days we will be insisting that earrings must not be worn for school and they should be removed by the parent or child at home. Covering earrings with tape will no longer be permitted as it does not ensure safe participation in sports activities.

If parents wish for their child to have their ears pierced, then it is best to be done at the beginning of the 6 weeks holiday so that they can then be removed for PE at the beginning of the Autumn term.

Nail varnish, false nails, make up, hair dye or temporary tattoos must not be worn for school.

P.E:

PE continues to take place on 'Marvellous Mondays' As we will hopefully, be outside as our weather improves, please could all children be sun safe., during PE. T-shirts and tops need to cover shoulders and tummies, to protect from the sun.



Summer sun:

As you will be aware our lovely British weather can be very unpredictable, therefore we advise that children come to school with some type of coat or jacket with them. Saying this, should the summer sun make an unusual appearance then a cap and sun cream are advisable to keep your child protected whilst at school.



Reading:

We ask that Key Stage 2 children read at least five times a week and have their reading card signed by an adult. Older children may read independently, but parents can be involved by asking about the book, who the characters are, whether your child is enjoying it etc. In Key Stage 2, children should read for at least 15 minutes each evening, five times a week. On the back of your child's reading card are targets that are there as a **guide line to help you support and develop your child's reading.** **Reading Cards should be handed in to school daily.** We hope you find this useful.

Homework:

In addition, the children will receive weekly spellings and literacy/ numeracy homework (linked to work completed in the classroom), to be given out on a Friday and tested/handed in on the Friday of the following week.

