



WELCOME
TO YEAR 6!



Friday 6th September.

Dear parents,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely summer break, making the most of some warm summer sunshine. The Year 6 pupils have made a fantastic start to the new school year and the school diary is filling up very quickly with a great range of opportunities and experiences for your children. Please keep an eye out for letters and dates from Miss Wisden.

The very best for your children:

I am very fortunate to have Mrs Miles working alongside me in as the Y6 Teaching Assistant. Mrs Miles is currently based in Y6 every morning, helping to provide the very best for your children. We recognise how important this final year is to pupils, helping them to truly reach their potential and to be fully ready for High School next September.

Mrs O'Rourke will also be working with the Y6 pupils on a Tuesday afternoon, helping pupils to master a deeper level of understanding, particularly with mathematics.

Topic:

This term's topic is, 'Kingdom of Adventure' and will form the basis of much of the work that we do during the Autumn Term. Focusing on mountains first, we are going to use a book called Mountain Dance to help us to write our own poems about majestic mountains. Even some of our Maths lessons will follow this theme as we link mountains with some of our Maths topics - measuring height and using negative numbers to learn more about interpreting temperature scales.

P.E:

Children will need their P.E kit in school on Wednesday and Friday each week. Wednesday's lesson will be outdoors (weather permitting) with Friday's session based indoors (gymnastics). Please could you help by ensuring that all P.E kit is clearly named. All children should take part in P.E activities unless previously notified by letter/phone call or a note in the Home/School Liaison Book.

After school clubs will be begin during the week beginning Mon.23rd Sept.

Pioneer Residential Trip:

We have another opportunity to visit the wonderful Pioneer Centre in Cleobury Mortimer. The trip will take place in March (Mon 9th – Weds 11th) with pupils spending 2 nights away. Should you wish to begin making small payments towards the final cost please call into the office and see Mrs Shearsmith or Mrs Unwin. The final cost of the trip will be approx. £100. Further details will follow.



Monday and Friday afternoons – As part of my role as Deputy Head, Mrs Miles will teach Year 6 for two afternoons each week as part of her role as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. This is to allow time for me to fulfill my duties as Deputy Head and to plan and prepare fantastic learning opportunities for your children. It is vital that the children see these afternoons as part of their routine, with me and Mrs Miles working very closely together to provide the children with the very best.

Homework – This is an important aspect of learning and growing self-discipline. Homework will continue to be given out every **Wednesday** and should be returned by the following Tuesday to allow time for marking. Homework activities will always be based upon our class work and should be fun and challenging for all children. Please encourage your child to try their best. I will always provide detailed instructions for the week's homework activity but children are encouraged to ask for extra help if needed. As the year progresses, the amount of homework will increase slightly in order to fully prepare children for life at High School. It really is very important to encourage children to complete their homework, handing it in on time and becoming much more organised and mature about the learning that they do at home as well as school. Spellings will be tested every Monday morning.

Home/School liaison books.

Please could your child bring the liaison book into school every morning. If you wish to pass on a message to me please use the home/school liaison book as I do make absolutely sure to check these every morning. I am also very happy for parents to use my email address at school and will check this every morning. Please appreciate how difficult it can be trying to remember messages that are passed on verbally on the playground in the morning when we are keen to start our busy day in school. A written note in the yellow book or an email really is the best way to pass on information regarding your child. Thank you. hyarnold@st-peters.hereford.sch.uk

Dates for your diary:

Mon. 23rd Sept – After school clubs begin
Tues. 15th Oct – Harvest Festival in St. Peter's Church 9.00am

I am delighted to be teaching this wonderful group of children and look forward to sharing their infectious sense of fun and eagerness to learn. Please get in touch if you have any queries or concerns,

Topic web with further details of how you can support your child with their learning journey to follow in a letter next week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H. Yarnold (Deputy Head)
Mrs K. Miles (Teaching Assistant)

