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Our virtues are: Love, Moderation, Courage, Justice, Hope, Faith, Wisdom.

Newsletter week ending 7th September 2018

Mrs Truslove writes:

Welcome back to the new school year especially our new reception children who have been a delight to see around school. Everyone seems to have settled well and our lovely Year 6 are already living up to their new responsibilities – helping to keep the school running smoothly.

We have set some dates for the coming year and these are on the website (please bear in mind that we do sometimes need to change these as the year goes on).

As you are aware we are now using Kingswood catering for our lunches and the quality (and smell) of the food is great. If you haven't had chance to look at the menus now would be a good time to go on and have a look.

Mrs Barnes

On Monday 10th September Year 1 will bring home spellings and homework. Spelling tests will be on a Friday - the first test will be on 14th September. Homework should be completed through the week and handed in every Monday (instructions about this will be in the homework books).

The Topic for this half term is 'Ourselves' and the plans are on the website.

On Wednesday 12th we will be looking at our favourite toys, please help your child to choose one from home and send it into school to share with the class.

PE is every Monday and Friday. The children need an indoor and outdoor kit in school.

Show and Tell begins next week. The children can bring in something to share with the class.

The order is as follows:

Monday – Bobbi, Ellie, Tom B, Fleur, Joseph

Tuesday – Lucca, Sebastian, Toby, Tom F, Charles

Wednesday - Arabella, Freddie, William, Riley, Millie

Thursday- Maria, Jesse, Atticus, Mae

Friday – Ivy, Betsy, Pippa, Martha

A copy of this will come home in the children's book bags.

We have been very impressed with how the children have settled in this week so well done to them all. If you have any questions or concerns please come and talk to us.

Mrs Gibbins

Spellings

Your child has stuck their spelling sheet in the back of their reading record. Tests are completed on a Friday. The first one will be next Friday the 14th September. I have dated the weeks to help you remember.

Tables

Times tables tests are on a Thursday morning, both years 2 and 3 will start with the 10 x table. The test is out of 60. Year 2 have 4 minutes to complete as many as they can and year 3 have 3 minutes. They must improve their score weekly or they will have a re-test.

Homework

Maths homework will be given out on a Friday. It must be returned to school by the following Wednesday. It follows the theme that has been taught that week.

PE

PE is on a Monday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for both indoor and outdoor sessions.

As always if you are confused or worried about anything come and see me.

Year 6 - Don't forget Bikeability on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Mrs Pickles and Mr Wilkinson

Homework, times tables and spellings introduction: Each week your child should have a maths task, spelling/English homework to complete and spellings and times tables to learn. Homework should be in on a Thursday (bonus merits are available for early returns of the English homework!); tables tests take place on Thursday and spelling tests take place on Friday.

Please ensure your child reads every day and records this in their homework diary.

Spelling test: These are out of 16 for lists 3 & 4 and out of 20 for lists 5, 6 & 7. The children need to achieve at least 75% correct or they will need to do a retest.

Maths homework can be online Mathematics tasks, topic specific activities or a general maths sheet which covers a range of topics; year 6 will mainly use a CGP Maths book. The general sheets are useful to 'keep skills sharp' but this can also mean that there will be areas that your child may not have covered and find more challenging. We are very happy for you to help but please let us know if your child *particularly* struggles with anything with a note on the back of the maths sheet.

English Homework: We use a Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling booklet that your child should bring home most weeks. Your child will also usually have a Spelling homework sheet where we aim to give the children a challenge for their sentences related to their grammar work or current tasks in school. They are asked to write their challenges on their new homework sheets on a Friday and could be something like: "Circle the verb in 2 of your sentences" or "Start 2 sentences with an adverbial clause".

Times tables: The children are given **2 minutes** to complete as many questions as they can out of the 60 on the sheet. They must do them in the order they are arranged. We like them to **achieve a score of about 40 or so** before we move them on to the next times table, although we are happy as long as we see progress each week. We will also test the children on division in each table. Following recent research we will learn times tables in the following order:

x10, x5, x2, x4, x8, x3, x6, x12, x9, x7, x11

Then each table in the above order using multiples of 10 or 100.

Tips for learning tables:

- Practising tables regularly will help progress.

- Reciting tables is effective e.g.: $5 \times 1 = 5$, $5 \times 2 = 10$, $5 \times 3 = 15$ (not just counting the multiples on fingers)
- Knowing tables both ways securely is essential e.g.: $6 \times 5 = 30$ and $5 \times 6 = 30$. $30 \div 6 = 5$ and $30 \div 5 = 6$
- Mathletics has times tables activities.
- The game 'Hit the Button' is a fun way to practise times tables and can be found on the website: <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=HitTheButtonv11>

Homework this week:

Yr6: Maths: 2 pages in the CGP books on number and place value.

English: 2 pages in the Grammar book on nouns and adjectives (p.4&5).

Yr5: Maths: 3 activities on Mathletics on Place Value

English: 2 pages in the Grammar book on nouns and adjectives (p.4&8).

Yr4: Maths: 2 activities on Mathletics on Place Value

English: 2 pages in the Grammar book on nouns and adjectives (p.4&5).

Times tables and spelling tests begin next week.

Achievements

Well done to Megan Robinson who, during the summer, passed her Grade 1 guitar exam with Merit. Congratulations!

Charlotte Miller - Charity Fundraiser for Breast Cancer Care UK

Some of you may be aware that tomorrow (8th September) I am having my head shaved to raise money for Breast Cancer Care UK. This is in support of my sister-in-law (Nicky Gilford) who has been recently diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer and is now undergoing chemotherapy. Below is a link to mine and my other sister-in-law (Amanda Greetham)'s Just Giving Page. If anyone would like to donate or just have a read then please ctrl+click on the link.

To those who have so kindly donated already I send a massive Thank You! We have smashed our target of £500 – our current total is £3520.94!! Totally overwhelming.

Thanks again, Charlotte.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/amanda-greetham>

Family Service 16th September

Please come along to the next Family Service in St Mary's Church at 10am on Sunday 16th September. Child friendly service followed by tea/coffee/squash and cake!

Things for recycling:

Used postage stamps – bring to office, they go to support Diabetes UK.

Batteries – box in reception

Ink cartridges – give into reception - proceeds to Cynthia Spencer

Academic year 2017 - 2018

TERM 6	Re-open	Monday	4 th June
	Close	Friday	20 th July

Academic year 2018-19

TERM 1	Training Day	Tuesday	4 th September
	Re-open	Wednesday	5 th September
	Close	Friday	19 th October
TERM 2	Training Day	Monday	29 th October
	Re-open	Tuesday	30 th October
	Close	Wednesday	19 th December
TERM 3	Training Day	Thursday	3 rd January
	Training Day	Friday	4 th January
	Re-open	Monday	7 th January
	Close	Friday	15 th February
TERM 4	Re-open	Monday	25 th February
	Close	Friday	5 th April
TERM 5	Training Day	Tuesday	23 rd April
	Re-open	Wednesday	24 th April
	May Day	Monday	6 th May
	Close	Friday	24 th May
TERM 6	Re-open	Monday	3 rd June
	Close	Wednesday	24 th July