



to Year 6 at St. Wilfrid's C of E Primary School

I hope that you are refreshed from your Summer holiday and raring for a busy final year here at St. Wilfrid's.

In order to help you quickly settle into life and routines in Year 6 , I have outlined below information you may find useful -

The School Day:

Although school starts at 8.50am, your child may come into the classroom and get settled from 8.30am. However, please be aware that whilst there is supervision in the building there is no playground supervision for your child. If you are sending your child in early please remind them to come straight into the Year 6 classroom.

PE:

We have our main PE sessions on a Thursday and Friday afternoon, however, your child will also take part in 15 minutes running most days. Please ensure they have their full PE kit in school all week. Friday afternoon PE will be outdoors; as the weather gets cooler, please could you ensure your child has a plain dark tracksuit or jumper as well as gloves and a hat.

Homework:

Homework will be given out on a Friday. It will generally consist of a piece of Maths and a piece of English. Whilst I aim to give children work that they can do independently and reinforces work done in class, there may be occasions when they find a task a struggle, if so, please support them as much as you can; alternatively, encourage them to come in early as I am more than happy to go through it with them.

Weekly tests and Reading:

Each week there will be a times table test: children have 4 minutes to complete 50 multiplications, they are marked on speed and accuracy. A spelling sheet will be given at the start of the term which we will be working with in class. It is also very important for children to practice these words regularly at home. Your child will bring home a reading book and diary this week; please encourage regular reading at home and record their frequency in the diary.



Year 6 Coffee Mornings:

On the first Friday of each month, Year 6 hold a coffee morning. The children are split into three groups—each group will organise about 3 coffee mornings during the year. The children are responsible for planning the morning, baking the cakes/biscuits, serving the customers and washing up afterwards! They will also be involved in running the creche for pre-school children. This is a very enriching experience for the children and one we greatly enjoy!

Reading Challenge:

In Year 6 there is an excellent selection of books catering for children's varying tastes, interests and abilities. You are welcome to come in before or after school and help your child choose a new reading book.

Your child may wish to take up a reading challenge—challenges may be based on reading a number of books from a series, genre or author.

Trips:

So far the trips we have planned and booked are as follows -

- Author visit at Colonel Frank Seely
- Jorvik and The Dig
- Safety Zone
- Hartington Winter Residential
- Whitby Summer Residential
- Southwell Minster Leavers' Day

Possible further trips include -

- The British Geological Survey
- Trent Bridge Cricket Classroom
- The Holocaust Centre at Laxton

Other trips may be organised but please be aware that we very much consider cost and always try to ensure value for money.

DARE:

During the Autumn term the children will be completing the DARE programme run by the Police. This is a course outlining the dangers of drugs as well as equipping children with skills to deal with bullying and peer pressure. Children will be bringing home further detailed information in the next few weeks—please take the time to read through it with your child. Each week children are expected to complete a short piece of homework in their DARE books. Please ensure your child does this and brings their book back ready for the next session. You will be invited to your child's DARE graduation later in the term.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns please do not hesitate to come and see me. Thursdays I am generally available straight after school (or up to 6pm with an appointment), until Booster classes begin in the Spring term. I am available from 4.30pm Monday, Tuesdays, Wednesday and Friday with an appointment as I have meetings and clubs before hand. If all else fails I can generally be found in the Year 6 classroom or the main building from 7.30 each morning or feel free to email me with any general questions, queries or concerns: awood@st-wilfrids.notts.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

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