



Thursday 6th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Year 5 Welcome information for parents and children

We have a busy and exciting year ahead.

1. Dates

This term we have a few trips booked.

- We have just been to the Workhouse at Southwell.
- On Wednesday 19th September we will be walking to All Saints with Holy Trinity for singing.
- We will be walking around Victorian Loughborough one morning in the next few weeks (weather dependent)
- Parents evening is during the week of 15th October.
- We will be walking to Beaumanor Hall for a Victorian day on Tuesday 30th October. For this day, children are encouraged to dress up as a Victorian.

2. English

There is a new list of spellings now the children are in Upper Key Stage 2. These words will be learned over the year and will be repeated in Y6.

We will be having a greater focus on teaching the children how to edit and improve their work.

As you know, reading at home is very important and at this stage we expect your child to be reading independently (5 times a week), but we still encourage you to listen to your child read at least once a week.

3. Maths

Children will begin to use elements of the Power Maths scheme this year. There will be a meeting for KS2 parents in a few weeks time regarding Power Maths.

4. Miscellaneous

Children will need their indoor and outdoor PE kits in school every day. Children who have pierced earrings will need to either take them out or to have tape to cover them up. We will be doing both types of PE each week, usually on a Wednesday and Friday.

Children need to have plimsolls to wear in school – this really does help to keep the school clean.

Children with hair that reaches the shoulder must have it tied up in a bobble.

5. Homework

Homework will be issued every Friday. There will be some longer pieces of topic-based homework which we hope you will enjoy helping your child with.

6. Swimming

Children who cannot yet swim 25 metres may be given the opportunity to go swimming later in this academic year. We will shortly be asking for information to confirm if your child can swim this distance.

7. Future events

We plan to visit the National Space Centre early in the spring term. Also, children are given the opportunity to do 'Bikeability' this year. There are usually 40 places available. We do not have a date as yet.

8. Preparation for Secondary School

Although your child is only starting Year 5, it is well worth beginning to think about and arranging to visit local secondary schools to help inform your decision for this next phase in your child's education - particularly if your child has any SEN needs or lives out of catchment for your desired school. Below are details of meetings, open days and evenings and deadlines for applying for school places.

Woodbrook Vale meeting for Year 5 and 6 parents - Tuesday 11th September 5:00
Woodbrook Vale Open Day / Evening - Wednesday 19th September

Charnwood College Open Day - Thursday 20th September
Charnwood College Open Evening Friday 21st September

Rawlins Academy Open Evening Tuesday 18th September.

Deadline for current Year 6 pupil applications - October 31st 2018

9. Year 6 Residential Trip to Wales

Year 5 children will receive their initial letter and a meeting will take place at the beginning of the spring term regarding the week long residential trip to Wales. The office would like to be able to then create 6 even instalments to be paid from January - August. The residential trip for Year 6 will be in early October 2019. This date will be confirmed in January.

Many thanks,

The Y 5 Team

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