

Elder class

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a fantastic break and got lots of rest, relaxation and enjoyed the amazing weather we seem to be getting at the moment. This newsletter is to remind you of some of the important dates and events coming up this term so that you can be fully prepared and informed.

Don't forget to keep an eye on WEDUC for all the latest news and updates regarding events happening at Wygate Park and you can now follow us on Twitter using the Twitter handle @MrThomp24 to see some of the amazing things the children are doing in class.

Thank you, as always, for continuing to support your children and the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Thompson

Important dates and information**Bikeability**

The Year 5 children have a fantastic opportunity to take part in a series of Bikeability lessons. The lessons will take place week commencing 19th July for four mornings. The children have been given a letter explaining the what the Bikeability course will entail and the areas of cycling safety they will look at throughout the course. Within the leaflet, there is a form that will need to be completed to enter your child on the course. Any children not taking part will continue in lessons like normal.

It is also important to stress that at the end of level 1, any children who are not considered safe enough to continue the course out on the roads will join the children who are not taking part in lessons. This decision will be made by the instructors and will be based on the safety of the children.

If you have any questions/problems please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Reading Books

We strongly recommend that the children read a minimum of three times a week to support their progression. This must be recorded in Reading Records. Any children who read at least three times will receive carrot points as a reward. Your child has been allocated a banded book and a book from the level above (to further push their reading) which must be brought in daily. Once your child has finished their book, they can place it in the book changing tray and we will change it for them.

Children also have access to Reading Eggs to further develop their reading, they can read books based on a range of topics and then take part in quizzes to support the development of their comprehension and understanding skills as well as the VIPERS skills we use in school. If your child doesn't know their log-in, please let me know and we will get it to them.

Attendance

The national average for attendance is 96%. This would equate to around 7 days off a year. If your child has a medical appointment, please make sure that you tell Mrs Warrington or Mrs Cross in the office and show

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them your appointment card. Any queries, please do not hesitate to ask to speak to myself, Mrs. Warrington, or Mrs Cross.

P.E. kits

All children must bring a P.E. to school. P.E. this term will be on a Tuesday. We respectfully ask all parents and carers to check that their children have labels in their kit with their name on or that their name is written on the labels in fabric pen. If anyone has taken home the wrong kit by mistake, then please could they return it as soon as possible.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in every Wednesday. The homework is always explained to the children, however, if the children or parents have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see me and I will be happy to run through the work. A copy of the Pick and Mix grid can also be found on the school website.

Topic

Our Topic this term focuses on Ancient Greece. They will be locating modern day Greece on a map and identifying the features in Greece as well as surrounding cities and other features (mountains, the Equator etc). They will also be comparing modern day Greece to Ancient Greece to identify the differences.

The children will be looking at the legacy of Ancient Greece and how it has helped to shape modern day life. They will also be looking at the different cities of Ancient Greece and identifying why Sparta and Athens were at war. The children will also be looking at different aspects of Ancient Greek life.

Science

In Science this term, the children will be looking at Living Things and Their Habitats. They will be investigating and comparing the lifecycles of different species of animals to see how they are similar and different. They will also be looking at different habitats and identifying how the conditions vary.

Spelling Journal

Spellings are set every Monday and the weekly spelling quiz will be on the following Monday. The children will write their spelling scores in their spelling journal and they will also be put on WEDUC for the children to practice at home.

The children also have access to Spelling Shed which will have online tasks which are focused on the weeks spelling rule.

Water Bottles

As the temperature starts to get warmer, it is important that children have a water bottle in school. The bottle will be kept in the water bottle box which will also be taken outside at break and lunchtime. Please ensure that it is just water as squash and fizzy drinks are not permitted in the classroom. Can you please ensure all children's water bottles are named so we can easily tell who they belong to.

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Parent Pay

If you have any issues throughout the year with Parent Pay, please see Mrs Warrington or Mrs Cross at the office. Regarding breakfast and after school club, you are required to book via Parent pay in advance.

Appointments

If you wish to speak to me, then please arrange an appointment at the office with Mrs Warrington or Mrs Cross. I will be more than happy to meet with you and discuss any issues or problems that may arise.

Doors

To facilitate a safe arrival and departure of children and to avoid, wherever possible, the mixing of 'class bubbles' the school will need to continue with the staggered start and finish times of the school day. Therefore, the doors will open for Year 5 to start school between 8:50am and 9:00am and will reopen at the end of the day at 3:20.

Any children with younger siblings can enter school at the same time as them (through the Elder class door not the sibling classroom door) and any children who are walking home MUST have given parental consent via the office.

Weduc

Please keep an eye on Weduc as any important information, notices and letters will be posted on the app. You will also need to sign the children up for breakfast and after school clubs using the app as well as any sports clubs that Elite Sports put on. If you have any issues/problems with accessing Weduc please see Mrs Warrington or Mrs Cross in the office.

Twitter

The Elder class are now on Twitter. Like Weduc, we will post important information, notices, and letters as well as pictures to show off the amazing work the children do in class. If you want to follow us on Twitter, search for @MrThomp24 and click on the follow link.

Carrot rewards

Carrot rewards is now up and running throughout the school and the children are working incredibly hard to earn Carrot Points. If you have not done so already – when the children log in for the first time, there will be a screen that asks for parental consent please could I ask that you add your details and give consent so your child can access Carrot Rewards and the shop features.

Any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Last day of term.

The last day of term is Friday 28th May and Term 6 begins on the 7th June.