



## Upper Junior Newsletter Summer 2023

Well I can't believe we have just started our final term of this academic year!  
We have such a busy term ahead and below is a summary of key information and events that are coming up over the next few weeks.

### Our Team

Year 5	Year 6
Miss Doherty Mr Gresswell Mrs Khan, Mrs Finnigan and Miss Croft	Mrs Woodhart - Phase Leader Mrs Collins/Mrs Brownleader

#### Summer Curriculum

We have some very exciting plans which we are sure the children will really enjoy. In order for you to support your child's learning at home please take a look at our school website.

This outlines the learning we have planned for the term.

Year 5 will be studying the Ancient Greeks in their topic, 'Who Let the Gods Out?'

Year 6 will be working our way around the world in our topic, 'Road Trip!'

#### Swimming

This term sees the children begin their swimming lessons as part of their physical education. The pool is looking lovely, warm and inviting.

#### Swimming Kit

A swimsuit (one-piece costume for girls and above knee length shorts for boys - not long Bermuda-style), a towel and some suitable shoes for pool side or emergencies e.g. crocs, flip-flops. Don't forget a swimming hat and goggles if needed!



#### School Shoes

Can I please take this opportunity to remind you that the children should not be wearing trainers to school. This is not part of our school uniform and the children should all be wearing black shoes.

#### Water Bottles

As the weather gets warmer over the coming weeks please remember to send in a water bottle for your child. You can purchase these from the school office for £1.50.

#### Outdoor Games

Your children will require a clean kit each week and these should also be clearly named.

#### Outdoor PE

White t-shirt, navy shorts, trainers, dark tracksuit for colder weather conditions (not their school jumper)

Please observe the school rules for jewellery and ensure that, for safety reasons, only small stud earrings may be worn but must be removed for PE or swimming. Only permitted religious bangles may be worn and MUST be covered with a sweatband for PE and removed for swimming.

### **Reading**

Children should be reading at least three times a week and this should be recorded in their homework diary. Children need to ensure their home diary is in school every day and is handed in according to the routines within their classroom.

### **Homework**

Look out for any activity menus sent home.

Don't forget Timetable Rockstars and Spelling Shed should also be completed as often as possible.

### **Your child's safety**

At the end of the day, children are not allowed to play on any of the equipment in the playgrounds.

Please can I also reinforce that children should not be climbing up the mound along the side of the Year 5 and 6 classrooms.

I really appreciate your support in working with us to enforce these school rules.

### **Trips**

This is a busy term for trips in Upper Juniors, please look out for letters and reminders about the upcoming trips below. Please be aware that if insufficient contributions are made towards the trips then they will unfortunately have to be cancelled.

Year 6 have their first trip this term to Braywick on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Look out for further dates and events!

### **Productions**

Excitement is already building in Years 5 and 6, with the children eager to find out what production we will be putting on this year. All will be revealed after the examinations! We will be fulfilling our drama curriculum entitlement by putting on a production in July, with two evening performances - auditions taking place shortly.



### **Social Network Sites and the Internet**

Once again, we would remind you that we continue to be concerned with how our children's safety can be compromised if parents are not monitoring computer games and social network sites. It is occasionally a place for inappropriate interaction or unkind comments being made by some pupils in our school, or beyond. This is proving particularly common with 'Instagram' and 'Snapchat', the results of which can upset and intrude on pupils' education. If you allow your child to sign up to these websites, or use them at other children's homes, please be aware of your role of responsibility and ensure that you have full access by knowing your child's password and being able to monitor their history.

It won't be long before we say a sad farewell to our Year 6 pupils. Rest assured, we will be working closely with all secondary schools to ensure a smooth transition.

I hope this information will be of help to you over the next term.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher.

**Mrs M Woodhart**

**Year 5/6 Phase Leader**