



## Upper Junior Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you had a lovely summer holiday and the children are all rested and ready for another action packed year! We are very excited about the year ahead. We would like to start by welcoming Mrs Stack, Mrs Woodhart, Mrs Khan and Mrs Panesar to the Upper Junior team.

### Our Team

Year 5	Year 6
Mrs Saunders Mrs Stack Supported by Mrs Khan and Mrs Finnigan	Miss Whitrod - Phase Leader Mrs Woodhart Supported by Mrs Mugeridge, Mrs Panesar and Mrs Whiting

### Autumn Curriculum Topic Web

We have a very busy and very exciting term ahead. Year 5 are starting the year learning all about Shakespeare in preparation for their performance at Norden Farm in November. After half term they will then be blasting into Space for another exciting topic. Year 6 will be starting the year learning all about the key events of World War II. We will also look at two key Science units alongside this, Evolution and Inheritance and the theories of Charles Darwin and Living things and their Habitats.

In order for you to support your child's learning at home please find attached to this newsletter a topic web. This briefly shows you the areas we will be covering within these topics. In addition to this Topic web, as a team, we have in depth planning meetings of these subjects which we use on a weekly basis to guide our teaching. If you have any resources expertise in these subjects, we would welcome the opportunity for you to share them with us.

### Physical Education

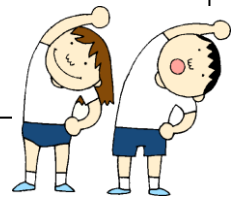
Your children will require a clean indoor and outdoor PE kit each week and these should also be clearly named.

#### Indoor PE

white t-shirt, navy shorts, bare feet

#### Outdoor PE

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



### Uniform

We were delighted with how smart all of the Upper Junior children looked during the first few weeks. We hope this continues throughout the whole school year! However, just a quick reminder about a few points on our school uniform policy:

- All items should be clearly named
- Only small stud earrings can be worn, which must be removed for PE
- Permitted religious bangles may be worn and must be covered with a sweatband for PE
- Long hair should be tied back at all times in school
- Only small hair ties and clips are permitted, please **no large bows**.
- Shoes should be sensible, closed toe and black
- Nail varnish should be removed

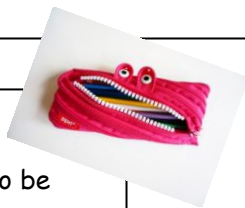


### Daily Reading

All pupils have been provided with a 'Home/School Diary' which the children need to use to record their reading, spellings and any messages from home to school and vice versa. Please ensure that your child's daily reading is recorded daily in their diary, they should be reading for 10-15 minutes every night and discussing their reading with an adult. Please ensure that you check the diary on a regular basis as it is an ideal way to communicate any information. Children have been told that they need to have the diary in school **every day** - loss of Golden Time will occur if the diary is missing at any time without good reason.

### Brain Builders

Brain Builder homework will be set on a **Friday** and will be due back into school, completed 10 days later, on the **following Monday**. Please support us by finding your child the time and place to complete a task to a high standard. If there is a genuine reason for any Brain Builder task not being completed, please write a note in your child's diary, otherwise loss of Golden Time will continue until it is returned to the class teacher.



### Pencil Cases

To encourage your child to be independent, please take some time to buy a **small** pencil case that fits inside their tray. This should contain their handwriting pen, pencil, rubber, barrel sharpener, small glue-stick, a selection of colouring pencils and highlighter pens. Please be aware that if your child's pencil case does not fit into their tray then we will send it home.

### Healthy Snacks in School

We do encourage children to bring fruit, dried fruit or vegetables to school to eat during break time. We find this to be particularly useful in keeping the rumbling tummies away until lunchtime! Water is also very important in school as the brain works more effectively when it is properly hydrated. Children are allowed to bring water to school, but it **MUST** be in clear, sports type bottles. Please make sure that your child's name is on the bottle to avoid any confusion in school. Bottles are available from the school office priced at £1.50.



## Dates for your diary

### Residential Trips

We are very excited to announce that the Year 5 and 6 residential will be taking place on the week of **10<sup>th</sup> June 2019** to Bawdsey Manor in Suffolk. The children received their first letter about this at the beginning of the term. We would ask that if you want your child to go on the trip that you sign the form attached to the letter and send it into school with a £50 deposit by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018**.

### Parents' Evening

On the **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October** we will be having our first Parents' Evening, this is a chance for us to discuss how well your child has settled into their new class.

## YEAR 6

### **Prefects and House Captains**

Our year 6 children have now been chosen for their positions of responsibility either as a Prefect or a House Captain and received their badges in assembly. These positions are of great importance within school and they are role models for the younger children. Please ensure your child wears their badges on their uniform and if they do get lost then new badges need to be purchased from the school office. We do like to give all our Year 6s a chance to be a Prefect throughout the year but these positions are determined by attendance, behaviour and attitude to learning. Our next Prefects will be announced in the Spring term.

### **Gate Passes**

Year 6 can now receive a gate pass to let them out at the end of the day without an adult. Please ensure your child looks after their gate pass as they need to be shown to the adult on the gate before they exit.

I hope this information will be of help to you over the next term. Further letters advising you of trips and visits will be sent out shortly. If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher.

I wish you and your children a very happy and successful 2018/19 and look forward to seeing you around Wraysbury Primary School!

**Miss D Whitrod**  
**Year 5/6 Phase Leader**