



Upper Junior Newsletter Summer 2018

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.

Teachers

Miss Whitrod - Year 6 - Phase Leader

Miss Wight - Year 6

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Miss Marshall - Year 5

Summer Curriculum Topic Web

This term Year 6 will be studying 'The Mayan Civilisation' and Year 5 will be looking at 'Amazing Archaeology - Stone Age to Iron Age.' 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 find attached to this newsletter a topic web. This briefly shows you the areas we will be covering within this Topic. In addition to this Topic web, as a team, we have planning meetings of these subjects which we use on a weekly basis to guide our teaching. If you have any resources or expertise in these subjects, we would welcome the opportunity for you to share them with us.

Physical Education

This term sees the children begin their swimming lessons as part of their physical education. We are hoping that the children will start swimming soon, but we will keep you updated and let you know your child's swimming day.

The Upper Junior Outdoor PE timetable is as follows:

Class	Outdoor
5JM	Monday
5RS	Wednesday
6DW	Thursday
6SW	Tuesday

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)

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.

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.

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.

Pencil Cases

As I have mentioned in previous letters, the children only require a small pencil case in Upper Juniors. This should contain their handwriting pen, pencil, rubber, small ruler, barrel sharpener, small glue stick and a selection of colouring pencils or pens. If the pencil case does not fit in their tray then we will send it home.

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.

Reading

Children should be reading at home every night 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.

Assessments

May is a very important month for your child's formal assessments. Year 6 will be sitting their Reading, Writing and Maths SATs examinations in the week beginning **Monday 14th May**. Punctual attendance leading up to and during this week is vital. Year 5 will be sitting their summer term assessments later on in the term. The results of all the children's assessments will be passed on to you in their end of year reports.

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 5 - Butser Ancient Farm on Monday 14th May.

Year 6 - Sutton Life Centre on Thursday 24th May.

UJ Residential - Monday 18th - Friday 22nd June.

Year 6 Leavers' trip to Warner Brothers Studios - Wednesday 18th July.

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies on Friday afternoons continue to be a feature this year when the children will share what they have been doing in school. A letter will be sent home when the assembly is due.

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 examinations! We will be fulfilling our drama curriculum entitlement by putting on a production in July, with two evening performances; auditions taking place after examinations. For your diaries:

- Monday 9th July - dress rehearsal to KS1 and KS2
- Tuesday 10th July at 7pm
- Wednesday 11th July at 7pm

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 - the new game 'Fortnite' has created a number of problems recently. 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.

Year 6

It won't be long before we say a sad farewell to our Year 6 pupils. In the meantime, we would ask parents and carers to support us in these next few crucial weeks with the extra pressures being placed upon them. The remaining part of the term will be spent on transition skills for secondary school and building up to our leavers' trip to Warner Brothers Studios.

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.

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