

St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School

Year 6 Newsletter

Terms 1 & 2

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to your child's final year at St Margaret's at Cliffe Primary School. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer break and are now fully refreshed and ready for lots of hard work and some fun!

Firstly, let me say how pleased I am with the behaviour and attitude that has been demonstrated by all the children thus far. They have moved into Class 6 with a strong desire to learn and are being excellent role models for the younger children.

This year will be full of challenges, excitement and opportunities and I look forward to sharing this with you all. Year 6 can be a challenging year in many ways. It has already started for many with the Kent Test. There is no time for resting though as we now prepare and move towards the important end of key stage statutory tests in May and the transition on to secondary schools. It's not all tests and work though as we have the annual ice skating trip as well as the trip to Hardelot in France and the production at the Village Hall next summer to look forward to, amongst other things.



P.E. will be on Tuesday and Friday afternoons this year. We will continue outside for as long as the weather allows us, so please could you ensure the children all have suitable clothing to support this: trainers, tracksuit trousers and sweatshirts. We will be developing the children's hockey skills in term one so please ensure your child has a mouth-guard. As always earrings need to be left at home on these days or your child needs to be able to remove and replace their earrings for P.E. A small box in their P.E. kit helps with safe storage.

Those children who would like to take up the opportunity to play football on the lower field during lunch break are required to bring with them a complete change of kit, PE kit will not be allowed on these occasions. The kit needs to go home regularly as it can become very wet and muddy!



Last year we decided to join the 4,600 schools who participate in a daily run. This initiative is called the 'Dailymile' and you can find out more about it on this website <https://thedailymile.co.uk/>. We aim to run each and every day straight after morning registration. All children participate and must walk, jog or run for 10 minutes. It is non-competitive and intended to boost children's fitness and general well-being. The children run or walk in their school uniform but wear trainers to enable a rapid 'turn around'. I will be monitoring the children's fitness levels and will report back to you on progress in future newsletters.



I know that you recognise the importance of home learning in improving your child's education and welcome your support in ensuring that their home learning is completed and returned to school on time. Homework in Year 6 will consist of a piece of maths and English work each week.

The maths will usually be connected to the learning in class during the week and the English will usually be a piece of writing. The work, as you will be aware from previous years, is now to be completed in a book. The activities will be issued on a Friday and need to be returned on, or before, the following Wednesday please. This will allow time for the work to be marked. If you are having a particularly busy week your child is more than welcome to join me on a Monday lunchtime to complete the home learning activity. It is essential that your child also continues to read daily, non-fiction, poetry and quality fiction texts; the wider the range of genre the better.

If you need to speak with me I will be available at the classroom door from 8:35am and available at the end of the day at 3:15pm too. If you require a more formal meeting then this can be arranged through the school office.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Mr Ball