

St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School
Year 6 Newsletter
Terms 3 & 4 2019



Welcome to terms three and four in Class Six. Mrs Howlett and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your very thoughtful Christmas gifts. We hope that you have had a peaceful and relaxing holiday after what was a successful and enjoyable Christmas term.

The children have produced some excellent work during their first two terms and should be proud of the efforts that they have made. Terms three and four in Class Six represent the build-up and preparation for the end of Key Stage assessments which take place in term five. I will advise you of the precise dates and timetable in the next newsletter. The children will be assessed in reading, writing and mathematics. This includes the English grammar, punctuation and spelling test.

Home Learning

Home learning will continue to focus on writing and maths. It is essential that if your child has particular difficulties with any of the home learning activities that you tell us so that we are aware and can help. A note in their home learning book is also fine. We are happy to continue to offer the classroom at lunch times on Mondays in order for home learning to be completed if you run out of time at home.

Golden Time

The children will continue to have Golden Time on Friday afternoons. They will sign up for the activities that they wish to take part in. Children are still welcome to bring in games from home. However, please do not bring in any handheld games devices. Any games or toys must only be brought in on the Friday and must go home on the same day; it would be advisable to put any games in a clearly labelled bag.

P.E. kits

The class will continue having P.E. sessions with me on Tuesday afternoons and with Mr Castle on Friday afternoons. We will be working on netball and, depending on the weather, gym skills this term. It is essential that your child has suitable indoor and outdoor clothing and footwear please.

The daily mile run will continue, weather permitting. I am pleased to inform you that, as a class, the average resting heart rate is now lower than it was when we first measured it in July 2018 before we started the programme, suggesting an increase in fitness levels. Please ensure your child has a change of socks in case the ground is wet and water penetrates their trainers.



Lunch Time

Class Six have a special privilege of playing on the lower field at lunchtime. Many of the children enjoy this. It is important that the kit they change into for the purpose is NOT their PE kit, and that you are prepared for the muddy clothes that will inevitably come home as a result. Some of the children need to have another layer to wear now please; a couple are still only in thin football shirts.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you of the need to inform the office of any change to collection arrangements for your child. If you have any concerns then please come and talk to me; I am available at the classroom door from 8:35-8:45 and again at the end of the day or alternatively make an appointment to see me via the school office.

May I finish by wishing you all a very Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support.

Mr R Ball