



St Herbert's RC Primary School

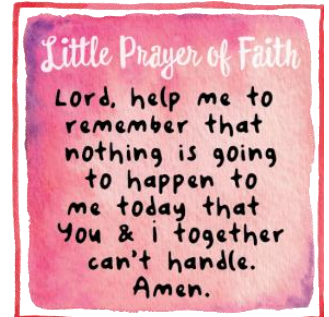
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Welcome to Class 6!



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Class 6 and a new school year, we hope you enjoyed your summer! It has been a real pleasure to begin to get to know your children this week, they have had a great start to the year and have settled in so well.

This letter is designed to give you an overview of what to expect from Class 6, but if you do have any other questions about the year ahead, please do not hesitate to ask.

Reading & Reading Books

Your child will receive a reading book each week to share with you at home and we would expect them to read for at least 10 minutes per night. We ask that your child brings their reading book into school with them once a week, on their allocated day so that we can monitor what they are reading, change their book and listen to them read. Your child will be allocated a reading day shortly and a slip will be sent home next week. Your child has also been provided with a yellow reading log book. In KS2 we ask that the children write a comment in their log book each week (e.g. Are they enjoying the book? Who would they recommend the book to? What has happened in the chapters they have read so far?). Please also feel free to comment about your child's reading in this book as parents, if you wish. If you require a new brown book bag, please order one at the office.

We encourage the children to read a range of material in addition to any of the books taken from school. It is vital that the children develop a true love of reading as they progress in Year 3 and 4 from learning to read, to reading to learn.

Homework

This year, homework tasks (including spellings) will be set every **Friday** via our various online platforms (e.g. Purple Mash). Details of what has been set will be shared with the children in class and uploaded onto Google Classroom for your reference. Homework must then be completed online by the following Friday. Spelling tests will also take place on Fridays.

Uniform & PE Kit

Please make sure your child's name is written on all items of PE kit, uniform and coats. As always, we encourage the children to come to school looking smart, with shirts tucked in, top buttons fastened and black sensible shoes. Trainers and boots are not allowed. Nails should be free of nail varnish.

During the first Autumn half term (until October holidays), Class 6 will have PE every Tuesday and Thursday (if in Y4 – Y3 will be swimming). Children may wear black tracksuit bottoms or leggings and trainers for outdoor PE.

For health and safety reasons, we only allow small, stud earrings. Please note that children must not wear earrings for PE or swimming, please remove them before coming to school on these days. As per school policy, no chains, necklaces, bracelets, wrist bands or Smart watches are allowed. Sensible sized watches are permitted.

Snacks & Packed Lunches

As a healthy school, we encourage the children to eat a wide range of healthy snacks and lunches. We ask that only fruit or vegetables are brought in for a playtime snack and water for drinks during the day (not juice or flavoured water). For packed lunches, please do not bring chocolate, biscuits or fried crisps (baked crisps are permitted).

We ask that children do not bring their lunches or PE kits into school in large backpacks, due to the room they take up.

Swimming (Year 3)

Year 3 children in Class 6 will go swimming every Thursday afternoon, starting on Thursday 12th September. You should have already received details regarding this via email, but please do let us know if you have any questions.

Sacramental Programme (Year 3)

A letter will be sent next week regarding this year's Sacramental Programme. If your child is baptised Catholic and you would like them to do their Sacramental Programme, please return your slip to school as soon as possible.

Multiplication Check (Year 4)

All state-funded maintained schools and academies (including free schools) in England are required to administer an online multiplication tables check (MTC) to Year 4 pupils. The National Curriculum specifies that pupils should be taught to recall the multiplication tables up to and including 12×12 , by the end of Year 4. Please can you practice these at home with your child. Your child can also log in to Purple Mash to see the format of how the tables check will look. Multiplication tables will be practiced in school regularly and set as homework activities.

X (formerly Twitter)

Examples of your children's work and updates about what they are doing will be posted on our class X page. Please follow us at:

[Class6@StHerberts](https://twitter.com/Class6@StHerberts)

To further enhance your children's learning experience, if you have any photographs or video clips of any interesting or exciting activities completed at home or anywhere outside of school that you would like to show us or that your child would like to share with the class, then please upload them onto Google Classroom.

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child over the coming year and believe that with your help and support, each child will be able to fully access their learning and achieve their full potential.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Mr Russell & Mr McColgan