



Information Letter for Year 5 and 6 Classes:

April 2022

Dear Parents

We would like to warmly welcome you back again after Easter. We hope that your children settle back happily, and we can get back into the routines we established last term. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term.

We continue to expect all children to be as independent as possible. In order to maintain routines and keep your child safe, we would like to remind you of our expectations for daily procedures:

Morning Routine

- Children are asked to come independently into their classrooms from 8.45am. Children should be seated in the classroom by 8:50am, which is the start of the school day. They are expected to hang up their coats and bags (please be aware that cloakroom space is limited so please ensure bags are as small as possible) and then go straight into class where the class teacher will be waiting for you with an early morning activity to complete.
- Where possible, we ask that the children go straight to the classroom via the side gate entrance. If it is more convenient for your child to come via one of the other entrances, this is fine.
- Please can you ensure that all of your child's belongings fit into one small bag. Reading folders will need to be brought in daily.
- The children will continue to be asked to wash their hands as soon as they enter the school buildings and at regular points throughout the day to continue with the good hygiene habits they have got used to over the last year.
- Registration starts at 9am (the gates will also close at this time.) Anyone arriving after 9am should go to the school office where they will be marked as late to school. If your child arrives after 9:10am they will receive an unauthorised absence for the morning.

Afternoon Routine

- Please meet your child from the side gate exit or other agreed point at the end of the school day at 3:15pm. We thank you for your co-operation.

Geography and History for the Summer Term:

Our Geography topic in Year 5 will be Fairtrade, and in Year 6 it will be Rivers and Oceans.

In History, Year 5 will be looking at World War Two, and Year 6 will be studying Vikings and Anglo Saxons.

We will also be covering a range of other learning and we hope that you find the Curriculum Map, on the website, useful to keep track of what your child is being taught. Throughout Terms 5 and 6 we will be focusing our PSHE work around the themes of Relationships and Changing Me using the materials from our Jigsaw scheme of work. This will also link to the important message we send home to the children about keeping themselves safe which is delivered through our PANTS resources from the NSPCC in a child friendly but informative manner.

Meeting: We will be holding our meeting about Year 6 Health Education and Camp on Thursday 12th May from 6.15. Please see separate letter for more details.

Y6 SATS: These will be taking place during the week beginning Monday 9th May.

Snacks The school policy on snacks is to ensure that they should be a healthy option. If you would like your child to have a mid-morning snack, we encourage them to bring in fresh fruit or vegetables. The best snacks for break time are foods that they can eat outside and can be eaten with their fingers. Chopped up, fruit or raw veggies such as carrots or peppers are ideal. Breadsticks and wholemeal crackers are also great finger foods that can be spread with low-fat soft cheese. Please note that the most recent guidance is that dried fruit is no longer recommended as a between-meal snack as it's high in sugar and can be bad for teeth. Parents have asked about various shop purchased snacks, such as fruit-winders and various breakfast bars etc. Most of these snacks are usually high in sugar. Water should be the only drink. Milk can be purchased through the [school milk service](#). **It is essential that your child has a named water bottle that is easy for them to refill during the day.** Thank you for your support

Nut and seed life-threatening allergy awareness: We have several children with severe life-threatening nut and sesame seed allergies and a reaction can be triggered by airborne contact. For safety reasons, we must insist that parents/guardians do not send children to school with peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella, cereal bars containing nuts etc. or indeed anything containing nuts or sesame seeds (i.e. on buns or snack bars.) Our aim above to discourage confectionery for birthday celebrations – sweets and chocolates can contain traces of nuts and seeds. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding with this.

Birthday celebrations: We do not wish to spoil any child's birthday happiness but at the same time we do not want to add to the issues that we all know sugar causes for children. School council's presentation about the issues around sweets been sent in for birthdays can be found [here](#) and their presentations linked to our sugar smart campaign can be found [here](#). We are introducing other ways of celebrating your child's special day in school without cakes and sweets. We think these are choices for you to make for yourselves at home. So please do not send sweets, cakes or other treats to school when it is your child's birthday.

Toys: Toys may be brought into school if requested as part of a class activity or display. We request that toys are not brought in for Golden Time.

Outdoor Shoes: Please can children have a separate pair of outdoor shoes in school as we use the side field at playtime and lunchtime wherever possible.

Reading: We actively encourage your child to read regularly. Children benefit from having reading as part of a daily routine, so this could be before they go to sleep at night. If you are unsure about suitable reading material for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us in school. The children's planners are checked regularly so please could you encourage them to keep these up to date.

Homework: All children will have reading folders. These should come to school **every day**. In them you will find your child's reading book and a Saltford School Planner. 10-20 quiet minutes is all you need each day. It's amazing how this will aid your child's progress. **Reading to your child is invaluable.** Please see our presentation about how you can support your child's reading at home [here](#).

Spellings will be given to Years 5 and 6 from the first week back. Maths homework is also given out weekly in both year groups in the form of reinforcement of skills taught at school and an expectation of completing DoodleMaths **3x a week earning a minimum of 30 stars in in Year 5**. This will be monitored weekly in class. Please help your child to get into a routine that works for you to enable them to achieve this.

In order to support the children's learning at home we suggest the following websites:
[TT Rockstars](#) and [Doodle Maths](#) (logins required)
[ict games.com](#)
[Topmarks](#)

Physical Education Indoor P.E. kit should be red plain or [Saltford t shirts](#) and black shorts.

Outdoor PE Kits should include long warm jogging trousers, a red T-Shirt, trainers, (Please send velcro fasteners if your child is unable to tie their laces) and a fleece type jacket. Please keep these in school all week as sometimes we need to adjust our P.E. slots.

Swimming: Unfortunately the Swimming Pool is currently closed awaiting repair. We will keep you updated via the newsletter - but it is likely the pool will be closed for the rest of the academic year. We will be doing an additional PE session outside as we did in Terms 3 and 4 (see below).

Class	PE Slot 1	PE Slot 2
JG	Monday	Wednesday
NS	Monday	Wednesday
AB	Monday	Wednesday
JSB	Monday	Wednesday

PPA Time: This is class teacher's support time away from the classroom:

Teacher	Cover
Mr Boyle	Mrs Parfrey alternate Fridays
Mr Bowkett	Mrs Parfrey alternate Fridays
Mr Styles	Mrs Hathaway every Thursday afternoon and alternate Fridays
Mr Godwin	Mrs Hathaway alternate Fridays

Lost Property: Please make sure that everything is named. This includes things like socks, shoes, hats, gloves, lunchboxes and drink bottles!! If everything is named, we will save a huge amount of time searching for lost items.

School Dinners: Key Stage Two children are required to pay should they wish to have a school dinner. Alternatively, parents can choose to provide their child with a packed lunch from home. If your child is having a school dinner, please can you use the School Gateway system (link below) to make any payment. Please can we also ask that you go through the menu with your child to ensure that they know what is available that day and whether they would like a vegetarian dinner (green) or a non-vegetarian (red). Class teachers require this information so that the kitchen can prepare the correct number of meals. The menu can be found on the school website. <http://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/>

Payments: Where payment for trips or events is required, the school uses School Gateway, an online payment system. A link to the School Gateway system is available on our website or through <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login> .

Hair: We would like to request that all long hair (boys and girls) is put up for school in an effort to help prevent outbreaks of head lice which are so common. Please can all hair be tied neatly, with only small red and black clips and elastics to fasten them. Please see our uniform policy in the office section of the website for further information. <http://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/>

Outdoor Shoes: Please can children always have a separate pair of outdoor shoes in school as we would like to use the side field at playtime and lunchtime wherever possible. These need to be waterproof.

Voluntary Classroom Support: We are always looking for parent helpers to support activities in school. Information regarding this will be sent out when we are able to restart this - including all the current safety details etc. If you can help, we are always very grateful - even if it is on odd occasions or only for a short period of time. DBS forms are available from the school office. We would like to thank you for your continued support and hope that the year ahead will be a happy and healthy one for all concerned. Please do book an appointment with your child's teacher if there is anything you need to discuss with them – it is not always easy to have a conversation with the children present.

We would like to thank you for your continued support with the additional safety measures we have continued to put in place, and hope that the year ahead will be a happy and healthy one for all of us.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Bowkett



Mr. Boyle



Mr. Styles



Mr. Godwin