



PRIMARY 6 PARENTS' AFTERNOON

WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST 2022



OVERVIEW

- Back to school
- School Money/Online Payment
- Curriculum
- Class Trips
- Classroom Management Plan
- Homework
- Testing
- AQE
- Online Safety



BACK TO SCHOOL

- Gates open from 8.30am children to make way to designated area within the playground. Their class teacher will meet them there.
- School dinners available from the 1st September.
- Breakfast Club commences at 8am on Thursday 25th August.

BACK TO SCHOOL

- School Meals are £2.60 per day (£13.00 per week.)
- Designated Teacher for Child protection is Mrs Harbinson. Deputy Designated Teachers are Mrs Turtle, Mrs Hutchinson, Mr Graham and Mr Gray.
- If your child has an appointment someone must come into school to sign them out and back in again
- Aug 25th-31st school closes at 12pm
- Aug 29th School closed bank holiday
- From Sep 1st school will be open from 8.30am-2.45pm

ESSENTIALS

Please ensure that permission forms, medical forms and contact details have been updated online via link in newsletter from Friday 19th August.

- 2 or more good quality, sharpened pencils
- Blue or black biro for marking
- Rubber, Sharpener, 30cm Ruler, Glue stick and Highlighters
- Felt Tip Pens and Colouring Pencils
- **Clearly labelled uniform and P.E Kit**
- School bag and separate lunch box
- Dictionary (for use at home)
- A4 Ring Binder/Lever arch file
- A4 zipped folder to carry homework
- Old shirt for art activities

SCHOOL MONEY ONLINE PAYMENT

- This year we will be accepting payments online for all items including:
 - School Dinners – pupils will still need to be aware if they are taking dinners for registration (please book and pay by Sunday midnight for the week ahead).
 - Musical Tuition
 - Trips – permission slips will still need to be signed and returned if a child is to go on a trip
 - Breakfast Club
- New parents login details will be sent to all registered users over the next few days
 - Please ensure we have the correct contact details – mobile and email – by returning the blue data collection form asap
 - You will need to create an account and link payment details



CURRICULUM

- Language & Literacy ~ reading –shared novel and guided reading(accelerated reader, paired reading) writing and talking and listening
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- The Arts
- The World Around Us
- Personal Development and Mutual Understanding
- P.E – Monday afternoon – swimming P6S Wednesday afternoon (7th September) and P6G Friday morning (9th September) at £3.50 a session for a total of 8 weeks- 7 before half term and one after
- R.E

THINKING SKILLS & PERSONAL CAPABILITIES

- Thinking, Problem Solving and decision making
- Self Management
- Working with Others
- Managing information
- Being Creative

OUR TOPICS

- The content of the Primary 6 Curriculum is topic based.
 - Ourselves
 - Space
 - The Vikings
 - Flight
 - Charlotte's Web
- In Castle Gardens we seek to deliver the curriculum in a practical, interactive and enjoyable way. We incorporate STEM enrichment activities.

CLASS TRIPS/ KEY EVENTS

- Viking day/ North Down Museum
- Ulster Aviation Society
- Ganaway- TBC

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT PLAN

■ Golden Time

- Primary 6 is a very intense year and poor behaviour can have a negative impact on both the opportunity to learn and on academic progress.
- High expectations for behaviour through our Positive Behaviour policy – good manners, co-operation and respect.
- Consequences for poor behaviour from individuals and the whole class – i.e “Reflection time” to complete a reflection activity with Mr Gray (Tues – Fri). A Reflection Time notice will be sent home in advance to inform parents.
- Any concern with your child’s behaviour will be immediately communicated to you via homework notebook or by phone.

HOMEWORK

- A hard copy will also be sent home with your child on Friday.
- Homework is to be completed and returned to class teacher on date specified in homework diary.
- Children should spend 30-45 minutes on homework. If any longer, stop. If your child has a particular problem with a homework please message us using dojo. All queries will be dealt with during appropriate hours.
- How you can help:
 - Be good role models e.g. show a personal interest in reading, play games, be enthusiastic about homework!
 - Get children into good study routines.
 - Show you believe it's important.
 - Set space aside and provide a quiet learning environment.

HOMEWORK

- **Written** – Mon/Wed is Literacy or World Around Us. Tuesday is Numeracy. Thursday will be a Mathematics homework. Please check for any errors and correct them with your child and sign. Homework should last 30-45 minutes concentrated effort per night.
- **Reading** – 20 minutes per night with 5 minutes aloud to an adult. Accelerated Reader quizzes should be taken when book is completed.
- **Spelling** – Spelling workbooks £5 – activities are completed at home on a set of list words which change every 2 weeks. There will be a test every Friday (first ten spellings week one, all spellings week two).
- **Mental Maths** – Very important as quick recall is necessary for classwork. Mental maths booklet provided.

TESTING

- Friday test - Mental Maths and spellings
- CAT 4B completed (September-October)
- PTE and PTM (May)
- AQE pupils – A further presentation shall be arranged after February Half-Term
- If any queries please contact class teacher

- AQE sample tests (MAY/JUNE)

You will be consulted before all tests concerning preparation for AQE and will have complete freedom to opt your child in or out at October interviews.

AQE 2023

Need to provide as many options as possible to give best opportunity for your child being placed when their results are received in January 2023.

- Make yourself familiar with entry criteria
- Visit the school Open Nights/Open Days
- Dates will be advertised in local press
- We will do our best to keep you informed

ONLINE SAFETY

- Castle Gardens is committed to keeping your child safe online and we have several policies in place which are available on request. Online safety topics will be covered on a termly basis.
- It is important that you are aware of how to keep your child safe online and the implications of online conduct.
- For more information visit <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

TOP TIPS

- Make sure you have parental controls installed on your child's devices.
- Make sure you have purchasing restrictions enabled on devices to avoid big bills from in app purchases.
- Be aware of age registrations on certain apps.
- Many innocent looking games also have chat features which means your child could easily be talking with strangers.
- Check your child's devices regularly and use this as an opportunity to talk about online safety.

PARENTAL INTERVIEWS

- These shall be conducted in October week beginning Monday 24th and March week beginning Monday 13th.
- Parents attending annual reviews in March will not require two meetings (these will be week prior to parent interviews).
- Only one interview slot per Child will be allocated – we will do our very best to accommodate a suitable time for both parents to attend.

IEP NAME CHANGE

- As part of the impending changes as a result of the SEND act 2016, IEPs shall now be known as PLPs (Personal Learning Plans)
- The class teacher will discuss these with relevant parents during parental interviews.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AWARE OF ANY MEDICAL DETAILS AND LEAVE MEDICATION WITH THEM.

IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS MEDICATION ADMINISTERED IN SCHOOL THE RELEVANT FORM (AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE) NEEDS TO BE FILLED IN.



THANK YOU

