Wixams Tree Primary

4 January 2022

YEAR 6 SPRING 1 NEWS 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have had a happy and restful Christmas and New Year. We would like to share some key information for the coming half term.

Theme for Spring Term
Throughout the Spring Term, Year 6 will be comparing places with a focus on Mexico and Italy.

Diary dates – Spring 1
06.01.22 – Flu vaccinations
06.01.22 – Dr Bike in school
17.01.22 – Height and Weight Measures
17.01.22 – 20.01.22 – Year 6 Bikeability sessions
04.02.22 – NSPCC Number Day (more information to follow)
07.02.22 – Parents evening
08.02.22 – Safer Internet Day (more information to follow)
09.02.22 – Parents evening
w/c 14.02.22 – Half term week

PE days
Children should continue to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform i.e. **black bottoms, green Wixams Tree t-shirt, red jumper, trainers/pumps**. Long hair must be tied back on PE days and earrings must be removed or covered with tape. Our PE days this half term are **Monday** and **Friday**. Monday's lesson will focus on the skills needed to play Badminton and Friday's lesson is based on a range of invasion games, mainly Hockey and Football. There are no inter-school fixtures planned for Year 6 this term. Children taking part in after school PE clubs should bring their kits to school with them on these days to change into.

Bikeability
On Thursday 6th January, Dr Bike will be carrying out checks on any bikes left in the bike racks at the front of the school. Our visitors will be checking that bikes are roadworthy and making appropriate adjustments. They will be available before school should you wish to speak to them. This would be a good opportunity to get bikes checked prior to our Bikeability sessions.

On the w/c 17th January, those children who have signed up to Bikeability will be taking part in their sessions. On Monday 17th January, this will be on the MUGA area. On the Tuesday-Thursday sessions, pupils will go out with the instructors around the Wixams area. If children miss the first session on the Monday, then they will be unable to take part in the other sessions across the week. Chestnut children will go out in the mornings for their sessions and Oak children will go out in the afternoons for their session. The lesson timetable has been adjusted for this week to ensure that children don't miss out on any key learning.

Children participating in the Bikeability sessions may wear their PE kit all week. Those children not participating will complete PE on their usual days of Monday and Friday. Please see attached the checklist that was completed to secure your child's place. We will provide children with a hi-viz but they may bring their own if they wish. Please note that children will need a bag to carry their own medication and water bottles. All children must wear helmets or they will be unable to participate. Children must walk their bikes into the school hall first thing each morning through the normal gate. Children may leave their bikes in the hall overnight or can take them home each day. All bikes need to go home by the end of the week. The height and weight check will take place before the first Bikeability session on Monday 17th January.

PSHE

This half term we will be focusing on Growing and Changing during our PSHE lessons. We will be using our PSHE scheme '1 Decision' to support the teaching of this. PSHE lessons will be delivered by the class teacher. We will revisit appropriate touch and puberty from previous years' learning and then focus on conception. For further information on our choice of scheme and the content covered, please visit our school website and look at the PSHE area under the curriculum tab. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to us at the gate or arrange for a phone call.

Cooking

Children will be designing and making Mexican dishes this half term. They will make their dishes on the w/c 17th January timetabled around the Bikeability sessions. More information will follow on this shortly.

Naming of personal belongings

Please ensure that all green and red jumpers, ties and coats are clearly labelled with first name + surname initial as a minimum. Please also ensure that water bottles and lunchboxes are named in a place which is clearly visible. Clear labelling makes it so much easier and quicker to return mislaid items to their owner.

School start times

A polite reminder that Gate 1 opens at 08:30 and, whilst we appreciate there is a queue to come through the gate, children should be coming into their classroom as close to 08:30 as possible. Registers close at 08:40 and lessons begin. Children arriving after this time being marked as late.

Cold weather

As we enter another term faced with the challenges of Covid, ventilation remains one of the key measures to reduce the risk of transmission. Although the weather has been relatively mild so far, as the weather turns colder, windows and doors will still be open to provide ventilation. Please ensure that your child has a jumper with them every day and, if they feel the cold, consider a vest/base layer under their school uniform.

Homework

Please continue to support your child with their learning at home by listening to them read regularly and supporting them to learn their spellings and complete other homework tasks. Homework will be set on a Wednesday this half term and is due in by the following Tuesday. There is a SATs revision blog available for pupils to access on Purple Mash with videos and questions. We do not recommend that pupils work through past SATs papers at home but should you wish to purchase any revision guides then we recommend CGP or Schofield & Sims books.

Best wishes
Miss Bygraves and Miss Evans (Year 6 class teachers)