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Dear Parents/Carers

Team 1 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you all had a very enjoyable summer holiday.

Thank you for your support in making the beginning of the school year run so smoothly and calmly. The children have settled in well and appear keen and eager to learn! They all look very smart in their school uniforms.

We have three Year 5 classes Mrs Hamblett (India), Mr Carter (Brazil) and Mrs Forbes (South Africa), as well as three Year 6 classes Mrs Dent (Australia), Miss Mellor (China) and Mr Frank (USA) as well as Mrs Dohring who will be working alongside the Y6 teachers. The children will also benefit from the support of the teaching assistants based in Team 1 (Mrs Walker, Mrs Heap and Mrs Gallagher). Mrs Antonini, Mrs Saint and Mr Fowler will be teaching the classes throughout the week to enable teachers to have their PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time.

Y6 Monitors

Y6 children have now been allocated monitor roles. For the children who have early morning roles, they do not need to be in school any earlier than 8:30am. The children who have after school roles, should be finished by 3:30pm.

Diary Dates

Parents Consultation Evenings - appointments 3:30pm-5:30pm

Monday 22nd October

Wednesday 24th October

Assemblies (this term) 9:45am - 10:30am

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| Australia | Mrs Dent | Friday 19 th October |
| China | Miss Mellor | Friday 9 th November |
| South Africa | Mrs Forbes | Friday 16 th November |

School Trips

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| Brazil (Mr Carter) | Botanic Gardens | Monday 24 th September 2018 |
| South Africa (Mrs Forbes) | Botanic Gardens | Wednesday 26 th September 2018 |
| India (Mrs Hamblett) | Botanic Gardens | Thursday 27 th September 2018 |
| Y6 Beamish | | Monday 15 th October 2018 |

Could we ask any parent or grandparent that is DBS checked and is willing to help on any of the above trips (or sporting events) to let your child's class teacher know. Thank you.



Sporting Events

Some children from Y4 up to Y6 will be involved in a Cross Country competition on Wednesday 19th September. There will also be a Tag Rugby competition for some children in Y5 and Y6 on Wednesday 26th September.

Bikeability

The Y5 children have successfully completed Level 1 Bikeability and will be given the opportunity to complete Level 2 in the Summer term.

Road Safety Quiz

Y6 children will be involved in the Stockton Annual Road Safety quiz. They will each all be given copies of 'Tales of the Road', a road safety booklet, please encourage your child to read it as they will be tested on it. Successful schools will be invited to the final in early December.

Curriculum

As usual we will be continuing English and maths on a daily basis.

Y6 English will be linked to our history topic 'The Victorians'. We will study 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty and 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens.

Y5 will study 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson.

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and they will be tested the following week in the form of an investigation.

In Y5 and Y6 children are expected to take reading books home every night. You will find we have a number of reading tasks at the front of their journals to complete at home (a minimum of three per week).

In Year 5 & 6 the children are set for **maths**, so your child may have a different teacher for their maths lessons. Maths homework goes home every Friday. Maths homework is intended as reinforcement of concepts covered in the lessons and if you or your child are anxious about the work, or the methods used, please do not hesitate to contact us either in person or by writing a note in their book, and we will be pleased to help.

PE kits (white tee-shirt, navy shorts, navy tracksuit) need to be in school every day, May we take this opportunity to remind everyone that earrings need to be removed by the child themselves or taped if they have recently been pierced.

Thank you.

Mrs Dent

Miss Mellor

Mr Frank

Mrs Hamblett

Mrs Forbes

Mr Carter