



'Bringing out the Best in Each and Every Child'

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**Autumn Term 2 Newsletter –
Wednesday 30th October – Friday 20th December**

I would like to start by thanking the children for their enthusiasm and attitudes to learning since returning to school. They have taken on the roles and responsibilities expected of Year 6 children and are now acting as role models for the rest of the school, setting the best expectations for all year groups as well as working hard across the curriculum.

In English this half-term, our focus texts are 'The Promise' and 'The Last Bear'. The children will be using these texts as a stimulus to develop their own writing to help produce some magical and thought-provoking work. This will be in addition to the reading and listening to our class texts of Beetle Boy and/or Tiger Rising. When writing, the children will continue to develop their skills by creating narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere, using appropriate structure and layout as well as integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action.

In Maths, our focus will be division, algebra, geometry and statistics. As with all of our maths, the children's recall of times tables facts will be key to their quick development and understanding of key methods/concepts. I would urge you to practice with them as much as possible so they can develop their mathematical understanding at a much faster pace.

Our Science unit this time around is all about Light. The children will be diving into the intriguing properties of light. They will be learning how light travels in straight lines, how it enables us to see objects, and why shadows form. Through engaging experiments, they will be exploring concepts such as reflection and refraction, investigating how different materials—transparent, translucent, and opaque—interact with light. This hands-on approach allows students to grasp the fundamental principles of light and its significance in our daily lives, sparking their curiosity and understanding of the world around them and developing their working scientifically skills.

In History, the children will be learning about the interesting life of the Ancient Egyptians with a particular focus on our key question of 'What Do We Know About Tutankhamun?' I am sure that the children will be able to share lots of interesting facts with you by the end of the unit.

Our P.E. lessons in Class 8 continue to be on a Tuesday and Thursday. Any ear-rings or jewellery should ideally be removed on these days or if your child is able to remove these themselves then that is also fine. However, the children are also able to wear the clear plastic safety version as well. This half-term, we will be focusing primarily on Hockey and Gymnastics.

Homework continues to be as much reading as possible with reading journals completed to show that children are engaging with their reading. Edshed will continue to run with the current weeks words being available for practice and remaining available for two weeks at a time meaning that the previous weeks words will still be available for an additional weeks practise when the new ones

become available.

In the build-up to SATs, we are introducing afternoon booster sessions every Tuesday and Thursday to support our Year 6 students in reaching their full potential. These targeted sessions will focus on both Maths and English, helping children strengthen their understanding in key areas and address any specific gaps. Our aim is to boost their confidence, reinforce essential skills, and ensure each student feels well-prepared for the upcoming assessments.

Finally, the children will now start their preparation for their Remembrance Day assembly presentation to the school (sorry but this is not for parents) and following this they will immediately start to practice for their Christmas Carol Concert (for parents) so don't be alarmed if they suddenly start singing lots of Christmas Carols. Also, we will be sending out an introductory letter/medical form for the children's residential visit to Borwick Hall in June of 2025. We will also open Parentpay to allow for payments toward the cost of the visit. I hope that all the children are able to attend as they have so much fun, learn lots of new skills and have experiences that last a lifetime, creating wonderful memories with their classmates.

We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to working closely with you and sharing your children's successes this year. Parent's evening will be on the 26th & 28th November 3:30-6:30.

Yours sincerely

Mr Stoney & Mrs Wilkinson