

Information for Parents

of Children in

Years 5 and 6



CASTLE PARK SCHOOL

Learning For Life

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Dear Year 5 and 6 Parents,

Things you should know...

- ✓ Each week, your child will receive 10 spellings which they are expected to take home and learn for a test on Friday. The spellings are grouped, i.e. ea words, so you can talk with your child about spelling patterns
- ✓ Your child has a reading record book in which they are expected to record their reading progress. These are checked each week and children will be rewarded for regular reading.
- ✓ The national expectation is that Year 5 children should know their times tables to x12. By 'know' we mean be able to recall a fact like 6 x 7 within 3 seconds.
- ✓ Your child will receive homework each Friday (Friday Challenge). This will vary in topic.
- ✓ Each week on the Year 5/6 noticeboard, there is a word and quote of the week. Ask your child if they can remember what it is.
- ✓ The children have indoor P.E. on Monday or Tuesday and outdoor games on Friday. Their kit should be plain black or navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt for indoors and plain dark sweat-pants and top for outdoors. They should have a plain pair of trainers that are specifically for P.E.
- ✓ School uniform details are on the website, but they stipulate black, flat shoes and plain dark tights.
- ✓ As a school that holds the 'Healthy Schools' Award, we ask that break time snacks are not chocolate or crisp based.
- ✓ SATs tests for Year 6 are scheduled for the week beginning the **10th May 2021**. Holidays during term time are not permitted and it is important that children are present in school for this week of statutory assessments.

6 Easy ways to make a big difference

1. Encourage your child's reading – join the library, read with them, read to them, listen to audio books.
2. Help them learn their tables and spellings at home.
3. Make sure they get plenty of sleep each night and come to school ready to learn, having eaten a healthy breakfast.
4. Look for opportunities to write. A little and often is better than intense sessions, but this practice can make a great difference.
5. Help the children develop their typing skills. This helps speed up computing lessons no end. BBC Dance Mat typing program is free online.
6. Make sure children arrive on time every day. We start learning straight away and late arrivals can cause disruption to others. Additionally, late children miss important learning points from the previous day which are recapped first thing in the morning.

We are really excited about the coming year and look forward to getting to know your children better in September.

John Svatin, Sarah Breeze and Emily McNeil.