



Year 6 Newsletter February 2018

Welcome back to a very exciting half term. We hope you've had a relaxing half term week!

Topic – Our topic for this half term continues to be 'World War Two'. This term will see the children exploring how the conflict unfolds and the affect it has on the home front. **PE** – Philip Campbell, Mario Vitrano and class teachers will continue to teach the children PE. **Spanish** – Will be taught by Sonia Damian every fortnight. **Art** – Will be taught by Louisa Munro and Isabel Richert every fortnight. Children will be creating pieces of art work which use the Second World War as an inspiration.

SATs preparation - As we have around nine school weeks before the children in Year 6 sit the SATs, we will turn our attention towards preparing for the assessments in early May. As part of that process we have scheduled booster clubs for a selection of children who might benefit from a little extra support in the coming weeks. These sessions have already begun and we thank you for the continued support being provided by parents and carers at home and the extra effort being taken to ensure children arrive at school early for these learning sessions.

At the end of this half term each child will also receive a SATs pack which will include sample questions and advice for the assessments. We encourage all children to complete the activities over their Easter break to keep their learning 'momentum' going as we head into the summer term.

As well as these two steps, we are also in the process of assessing children who would benefit from additional time during the assessment week. These children will be assessed by us as a staff and an application made to the DfE. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher.

Whilst we are keen for the children to perform to their best ability during SATs week, we are not here to place undue stress or pressure on to the children. We will ensure that SATs week is filled with other activities which the children will find fun and relaxing and the week culminates in a whole year picnic as a reward for all their efforts. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Public Speaking Competition: Recently we held a public speaking competition where we asked children from Year 6 to deliver a speech to the whole year group. There were many entries and it was a delight to hear such impassioned and eloquent speakers who impressed with their confidence and knowledge. In the end we had to pick six children from that group to represent Coleridge at an inter-school debate competition at Blenheim Palace in March.

Healthy mid-morning snack: Your child is able to bring a mid-morning snack to eat during playtime. This snack must only be fruit or vegetables (Crisps unfortunately do not count) – please refrain from sending your child in with any sugary snacks. Thank you

Dates for your diary

Thursday 1st March – World book Day

Thursday 1st March – Parents' Evening 4-6pm and 6.30-8pm West hall

Thursday 8th March – Sets Parents' Evening – Year 4-6 only 4-6pm and 6.30-8pm West hall

Friday 23rd March is Sport Relief – more information will be sent home about how the events we'll be having at school and fundraising activities.

Wednesday 21st March at 7pm – 'The importance of play and emotional well-being' This is an evening session open to all parents and carers; more information will follow.

Thursday 29th March – last day of Spring term

Monday 16th April – first day of Summer Term

Friday 6th July INSET day – school closed for all children

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