



SS PHILIP & JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## 6M Newsletter

### Autumn Term September – December 2019

Dear 6M Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a relaxing summer break. Welcome back to the first term in year 6 at Phil and Jim school! I very much enjoyed working with the children last year and am looking forward to beginning this year's learning.

#### **Communication**

If you have any queries, please email the office with your concerns. These emails will be passed on to me and I will aim to respond within 48 hours.

#### **Topic this term**

This half term our topic will be focused around M.G. Leonard's book Beetle Boy. We have enough copies in school to share one between two; however, if your child has their own copy at home and would like to bring it in then they are welcome to do so.

#### **Maths and English**

In English, we will be developing skills that enable us to write a successful fear story and non-chronological report. We will be continuing to develop and apply our knowledge of SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) both in writing sessions and discretely. Our mathematics topics for this half-term include place value, mental and written calculations for the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), units of measure, geometry and properties of shapes.

#### **Learning at home**

Each child will have a reading record. They can record when they have read at home and if this has been to an adult. It is beneficial for all children to read aloud to an adult regardless of their fluency. Please could you ensure that your child completes this and brings it to school each day.

A task on the week's learning will be set on a Friday and due in on the following Wednesday.

#### **PE kits**

Please could I remind you that a full school PE kit is required for PE lessons which includes a separate pair of PE trainers. If your child does not currently have the school PE kit this can be bought from the following provider:

<https://www.bluebloodsports.co.uk/st-philip-and-st-james-school>

PE kit should be in school Monday-Friday. May I also remind children with long hair that it must be tied back for PE, and that jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

#### **Morning routine**

The main school gates open at 8.40 am. If you would like to inform me about a change in pick up arrangements for that day, please contact the office. We ask where possible that you don't come into the cloakroom because it's very busy and we want the children to have a calm start to the day.

Morning registration opens at 8.50am when the school gates will be closed. After this point, your child needs to come into school via the school office. If your child arrives at school after registration has closed at 9.00am, they will be marked in as late.

The school day ends at 3.05pm when your child must be picked up by an adult if they are not transferring to an after school club. Please wait for your child outside their classroom where your child's teacher will dismiss him or her from the classroom door. If you would like to them to walk home by themselves, please email the school office giving permission for that to take place. If you would like your child to be regularly collected by another adult, again please email the office team who will pass this information on to me.

We understand that there are times when you may be a few minutes late picking up your child at the end of the day. Any child who has not been picked up will be taken to the school office. Unfortunately, we do not have enough staff in the office to supervise children so any child who is still in the office at 3.15pm will be transferred to after school club and you will be charged the emergency after school club rate of £15.00.

Children in year 6 will need written permission to leave school by themselves, even if they have had permission in previous years. Please communicate this to the office and they will inform the class teacher. Likewise, if your child is collected from the gate then please write to the office to confirm this with us.

### **Mobile telephones**

Children in year 6 with parental permission are able to bring a mobile telephone to school, however it must be switched off before entering the building, immediately handed into the office, collected only at the end of the day and remain off until children have left the building.

### **German**

This term, children will use their German language and IT skills to once again take on the challenge of The Language Magician. They will meet higher challenges and need to use their language knowledge and skills to help defeat the magician and free the animals. They will receive individual feedback on their progress in German.

### **Drinks bottles**

Please can all children bring a drinks bottle to school, to be filled with water. Water fountains are available around the school for these to be re-filled.

Thank you, I look forward welcoming the children back and starting our new topic around Beetle Boy. I'm sure we will have an excellent and rewarding year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Miles.