

Year 6 Newsletter

September 2009



Welcome back to a new school year, I hope you had a lovely summer holiday. Firstly allow me to introduce myself. My name is Mr Monaghan. I have previously worked at Catholic primary schools in Loughborough and Long Eaton and I am delighted to have been appointed deputy head teacher at St Alban's. I have been made to feel very welcome by the whole school community. This newsletter is to update you on our topics for the coming

term and to give a few reminders of routines.

The children in year six are aware of the responsibility they now have to set good examples for the rest of the children in the school to follow at playtimes, in assembly and in class. We expect them to be positive role models.

The class look really smart in their uniforms. Can I remind you that it is school policy that children with long hair have it fully tied back at all times with a blue or dark hair tie. Jewellery should not be worn. If children have stud earrings they must be able to remove them themselves for P.E.



Reading books must be in school everyday and I would encourage you to enter into discussion with your child about the texts they read and encourage them to read as wide a range of different texts as possible. Please feel free to note in their reading journals of any other reading they are doing besides their reading book. Please let me know through comments in their journal or by contacting me if you have any queries about reading.

Homework (learning logs) will play a vital role in enriching the children's learning in year six. It is expected that they complete thirty minutes of work each evening. This will include reading, reinforcing work done in class and preparing for future lessons. The learning logs will be given out on a Wednesday and will be collected on the following

Monday. The children will be expected to manage their time appropriately in

order to complete the work. Please make sure your child's homework is completed and returned on the correct day. Please feel free to make comments in the learning log. Feedback has been very positive about the learning logs and I am really looking forward to seeing some of the creative ways that the children can show what they have learnt.



P.E will take place on Tuesday. As the weather is changeable can you ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for outdoors, including footwear. If they can leave their kit here at school I will make sure that their kit comes home with them for washing at the half term break



Our topics this term will be:

- Science. Changing Circuits, Changing Sounds and Reversible and Irreversible Changes.
- I.C.T. Handling Data
- Topic. Victorians. What was life like for children in the Victorian era? How our locality has changed from the Victorian era up to the present day. We will be completing Art and Design and Technology as part of our Topic work.

I hope to meet you soon. Parent's evening this term will be Thursday 22nd October, further details to follow. However if you have any queries before then please speak to me or contact the school to make an appointment to see me. If I am made aware of any difficulties I will always endeavour to find a solution.

Yours sincerely
Mr A Monaghan