

Year 6 – Summer Newsletter

All Souls' Catholic PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

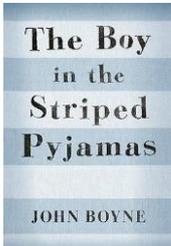
It is hard to believe that the class have entered their final term at All Souls'. Needless to say, it will be a very busy term, with a lot of hard work left to complete as well many exciting things to look forward to.

Year 6 worked exceptionally hard in the second half of the spring term and have continued this since returning back after the Easter break. Over the next two weeks, children will be undertaking their final preparation for SATs, which will involve more homework tasks than they are usually set and some focused SATs preparation in lessons. So far, the children have responded to this brilliantly and are making the most of each lesson.

Fortunately it isn't *'all work and no play'* this term. Here are some of the main events that Year 6 have ahead of them, including many exciting ones to look forward to:

- Confirmation
- Continuing their local heritage study on the War Memorial Park
- Trip to London
- Watching 'Annie' at the Belgrade Theatre
- 'Rock Bottom' end of year play at Bablake School
- Year 6 leavers' assembly

Year 6 Spring Curriculum

English		Maths		Science	
<i>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</i> John Boyne 		Consolidation and gap filling Year 6 have already begun revisiting the parts of the curriculum that they are less certain of in preparation for their SATs tests in a few weeks. Investigative, project based consolidation Year 6 will also be applying their maths knowledge to some practical, investigative projects.		Animals including humans  Electricity 	
RE	PE	History	Geography	Computing	DT
Easter Pentecost Prayers in the lives of followers of Christ	Cricket (Tuesday) Athletics (Wednesday)	Local Heritage Study – The War Memorial Park	Deadly Deserts!	Desktop publishing	Upcycling clothes
					Art
					Textiles

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Key information

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 29th April at 11:15.** Please see further details on the school website or the additional letter that was sent out on Thursday 26th April.

The children have now completed all the necessary preparation for their Confirmation. They have produced some excellent work over the last few weeks and have deepened their faith in the process.

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the parents who have supported the Confirmation process by attending the events at church and at school. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible this weekend to help the children celebrate.

SATs

As you are aware, Year 6 are required to participate in the end of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) which identify the attainment of children in reading, writing and mathematics for national comparison.

The SATs exams will take place on the following dates:

- **Monday 14th May – English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2**
- **Tuesday 15th May - English reading comprehension**
- **Wednesday 16th May – Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)**
- **Thursday 17th May - Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)**

Homework

To help with the final preparations for SATs, children will be set some additional homework over the next few weeks that will focus on their punctuation, grammar, spelling, reading and maths. Ordinary homework practices will be resumed after SATs have been completed.

Booster groups

Some children have been attending maths booster sessions on Tuesday and Friday mornings before school (8:00am start).

These sessions are now available to all children for the next two weeks:

8:00am Tuesday 1st May and Tuesday 8th May – Arithmetic

8:00am Friday 4th May and Friday 11th May – Reasoning

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Reading

It is vital that children continue to read regularly in order to develop their reading fluency, stamina and understanding of what they read. This will benefit the children in all aspects of their learning and will have a positive impact on their performance during SATs.

All pupils are expected to read for around 10-15 minutes every day outside of school. To monitor your child's progress in reading, their Reading Record should be signed and kept up to date. Reading Records will be collected in and checked every Monday. There should be a minimum of 5 entries and 3 of them should involve your child being heard read aloud. To help with the development of your child's reading, the adult who is listening to them can ask questions to see how well they are understanding the text. Consider asking:

- What they think will happen next and why,
- Whether they are enjoying the book, what they like/dislike,
- What some of the unfamiliar words mean,
- What the characters are like and how they know this,
- How well do they think the author has described the setting,
- Can they summarise the latest page/chapter?

Finally, SATs are not something which either you or your child should be worried about. They should be approached as an opportunity to showcase everything they have learned throughout their time in Key Stage 2. If you feel that your child is becoming overly worried or stressed about the tests, please let me know so that we can work together to support them in the best way possible.

School Website

Please continue to visit Year 6's class page on the school website to see what we have been up to by reading our blog and looking at our gallery.

Dates for the diary:

- **Monday 30th April – Trip to War Memorial Park**
- **Monday 14th May – Thursday 18th May – SATs week**
- **Thursday 24th May – Belgrade Theatre to watch Annie**
- **Thursday 14th June – Trip to London**
- **Wednesday 4th July – Secondary School Transition Day**
- **Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th July – End of year play performances at Bablake School**

2015 Calendar

Month	Days
January 2015	1-31
February 2015	1-28
March 2015	1-31
April 2015	1-30
May 2015	1-31
June 2015	1-30
July 2015	1-31
August 2015	1-31
September 2015	1-30
October 2015	1-31
November 2015	1-30

Many thanks,

John Marsh