



Upper Key Stage 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024



Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely summer. It has been brilliant seeing the children settling so quickly this week. We are looking forward to the new school term ahead, and have planned many exciting activities for your children. We have included information in this newsletter for this term's activities so please keep this for reference. You can also consult the website for different dates and remember that we are always here to answer any questions.

Thank you for your continued support, Mr Lawler and the Upper Key Stage 2 Team.

Staff

Class Teachers

- Year 5 - Miss Thomas
- Year 5 - Mrs Johnson

Further support

- Mrs Brinsley
- Miss Adie

Class Teachers

- Year 6 - Mr Lawler
- Year 6 - Mrs Leyland & Mrs Williams

Further support

- Mr Waddington

Key Dates

- Year 6 Coffee Morning** = Monday 9th September - 9am
- Year 5 Coffee Morning** = Wednesday 11th September - 9am
- Mrs Leyland's Class Assembly** = Wednesday 2nd October @ 2:30pm
- Mr Lawler's Class Assembly** = Wednesday 9th October @ 2:30pm
- Half Term** = 21st October - 25th October
- Miss Thomas' Class Assembly** = Tuesday 5th November @ 2:30
- Mrs Johnson's Class Assembly** = Tuesday 19th November @ 2:30

Trips:

- Year 5 are looking to go to Weaver Hall during the autumn term and
- Year 6 are looking to visit a sculpture park. More information, including dates will follow soon.

Upper Key Stage 2 opening times

School Starts: 8:45am

School Finishes: 3:15pm

Reading

Children are expected to read *at least* five times a week. Please ensure that you or another adult is listening to your child read and signing their reading record, which **must** be brought into school every day. The children are encouraged to read and re-read the books they are given to build up fluency.

We would love you to, **READ, READ, READ and TALK, TALK, TALK** with your children as part of their homework.

If you need any help supporting your child with their reading, talk to your class teacher at the start of the day. Don't forget it's important to enjoy sharing stories with your children. Read to them regularly and enjoy talking about characters, stories and interesting facts together.

In class, year 5 are currently reading:

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K Rowling

In class year 6 are currently reading:

Darwin's Dragons by Lindsay Galvin

TTRockstars



Children are expected to access TTRockstars for a minimum of 10 minutes a day, in order to aid their fluency with mathematical strategies across the Key Stage. We appreciate your co-operation with this at home.

School Uniform

- ❖ Every child should be wearing the correct school uniform as well as sensible shoes (not boots). Order online at https://www.stitchdesign.co.uk/uniform/Westmorland_Primary_School_SK5_8HH
- ❖ All uniform needs to be named, **especially jumpers and PE kits!**
- ❖ The weather is unpredictable at any time of the year so please make sure your child has their coat in school every day. We will be accessing outdoor learning regularly so this is essential.

P.E.

PE kit = shorts, t-shirt, pumps, and tracksuit bottoms for the colder weather.

Please make sure that your children have their kit in school **every day** and that they remain in school in case they have an extra session during the week.

Children will bring their kit home at the **end of the half** term for washing.

P.E days for UKS2 are as follows:

Year 6:

- **Tuesday & Wednesday**

Year 5:

- **Monday = Swimming** - Children must remember to bring correct swimwear and a towel
- **Tuesday**

Curriculum Themes

All the children will complete daily English and Mathematics lessons. They will also learn history, geography, art and design technology knowledge and skills regularly.

Year 5

Year 5 will be learning about **UK & its regions** in Geography, **Properties & change of materials** in Science and the artist **Anthony Gormley**. After half term, they will move to **Anglo-Saxon settlements** in History, **Living things & habitats** in Science and **Combining Fabrics** in DT

Year 6

Year 6 will be learning about **Human & Physical comparisons focusing on Europe** in Geography, **Evolution & Inheritance** in Science and **Cooking & Seasonality** in D&T. After half term, they will move to History and learn about **Queen Victoria**. They will also learn about **Animals including Humans** in Science and the artist and sculpture Henry Moore.

Snack: If your child would like bread/crackers and butter you need to pay £1 on Parentpay by the Sunday of the week before, you can pay for the half term if you wish by this Sunday only.

Things to remember

- ❖ Your child should come to school every day, we know children get ill sometimes but on average anything over 5 days a year is deemed excessive and will trigger EWO involvement, children coming after 8.50 will be recorded as late for school. You can report your child's absence via calling reception or emailing absence@westmorland.stockport.sch.uk
- ❖ Wearing jewellery should be avoided. Children are only allowed to wear a standard wrist watch and stud earrings (not hoops). Earrings must be taken out for PE lessons or covered with tape/plasters.
- ❖ Bikes or scooters should **not** be ridden on the playgrounds.
- ❖ Please ensure that your child's hair is tied back to avoid the spread of head lice.
- ❖ If your child's **medical history** has changed, please can you inform the office immediately.

Rewards

We will reward children who act like a Westmorland Warrior, and demonstrate our school values of:



Willpower



Achievement



Respect



Reliability



Independence



Organisation



Reflection

Food Hampers

We are still able to offer food hampers. These vary each week and usually contain a variety of nice things - often including fresh meat. Families are randomly selected but please email the headteacher if you need to be higher up the list. The school is also able to issue food bank vouchers to families - please drop into reception and ask to speak with the headteacher. The food wall is also available to everyone in our school family that can come and collect. Families are reminded that the food on the wall is for us **all to share** and should not be dominated by just a few families.

ParentPay: Don't forget we are a cashless school and use ParentPay for school dinners, school uniform, snack and school trips. This system is working well. This year you will be asked to pay £8.50 per term for the varied, exciting visits and/or visitors we have planned using ParentPay. This amount is heavily subsidised by school, however if not enough payments are received some trips will not go ahead. If for any reason a trip cannot go ahead for any reason, you will be refunded via ParentPay. If you are still encountering any problems please see the office staff and they will be more than happy to help.