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Autumn Term 2023

Welcome

Welcome back to an exciting new school year! We are really enthusiastic for what is to come! We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are ready for a busy year. We welcome our Year 5 children into Upper School. For our Year 6 children, they are embarking on their final year with us at St Osyth and what an exciting one we are about to begin!

Our Autumn Term curriculum

This term's topic is 'Ancient and Awesome?' Our children will be learning all about life, times and legacy of the Ancient Greeks. We will learn about Ancient Greek society, events of Ancient Greek civilization, myths and the Olympics. The children will have the opportunity to experience a brilliant, immersive Ancient Greek day to support their learning.

The year ahead

We have a busy and exciting year ahead of us. In Upper School, we understand that every child is different and has strengths and interests in a variety of areas. We support children in every step of the way and expect children to try their very best. We offer after school academic clubs, homework club on a Friday lunch time and a team who are willing to help with any concerns or worries that your child may have. We understand that the step up from Middle School to Upper School is a big one and children may require additional support. We run daily intervention programs to support reading, writing and maths, suited to your child's needs. Year 6 children will be sitting their end of Key Stage assessments (SATs) in May, which we will discuss in our meeting with you at the start of the term.

Wider experiences

Upper School life fosters independence and personal growth. From the start of the year, we are preparing Year 6 children for their transition to secondary education. For our Year 5 children, more ownership is given to learning. We pride ourselves on the opportunities children are presented with and the visitors who enrich children's learning journeys. A vital part of Upper School is our trips. Year 5 have a mini-residential, at Birch Hall Adventures, Pioneer Sailing day and a trip to the St Osyth Priory. Our Year 6 children, will have a trip to the theatre in London and the residential in the Isle of Wight! As a school we cherish the opportunities available to our children.

Home-Learning

Home Learning is an imperative part of your child's learning journey. Children will be given homework wallets, a blue wallet for English and a yellow wallet for mathematics. Home Learning is set every Friday and is handed in during that lesson, the following Friday, when we discuss the Home Learning and ensure that any misconceptions are addressed immediately. If Home Learning is not handed in then your child will complete the missed learning during their lunchtime the same day. Additional copies of Home Learning are in each class and are easily accessible for your child. Children are also expected to read five times a week and log in to Times Table Rock Stars.

The Upper School Team

Other useful reminders

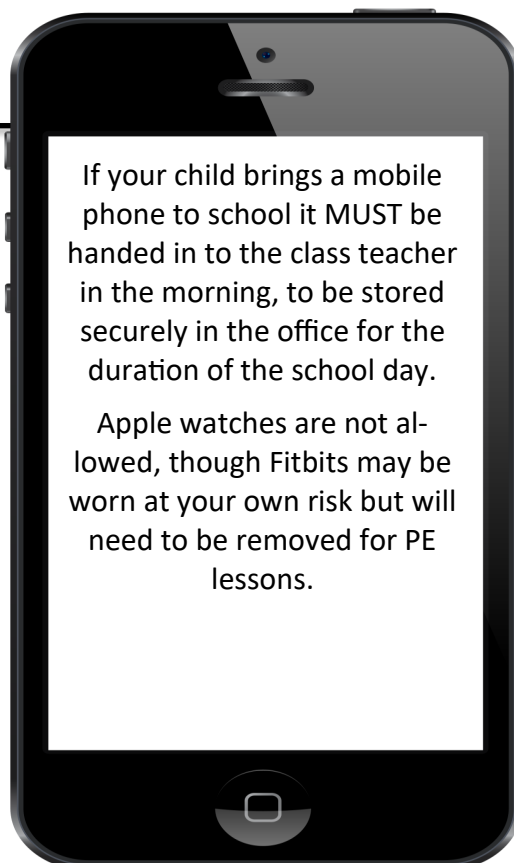
Please ensure that your child **always** has the following items in school:

- Coat (**named**)
- Water bottle (**named**)
- PE kit including plimsolls and an outdoor kit including trainers (**named**)
- Bag for reading book and reading diary and homework folders. Please ensure that this is not too big.

Year 5 and 6 children have the opportunity, with the permission of their parents, to leave school straight from the classroom unaccompanied. All parents must ensure they complete and return the permission slip indicating whether they give or do not give permission. It is the responsibility of parents to inform the school of any changes made to end of day arrangements.

Dates for your diary

Year 5 Birch Hall Residential 7th-8th September
Upper School Information Meeting 12th September
Ancient Greek day 19th September
Flu Immunisation
Half Term Week Beginning 23rd October
Non pupil day 6th and 30th October
Year 6 trip to the West End 13th December



If your child brings a mobile phone to school it MUST be handed in to the class teacher in the morning, to be stored securely in the office for the duration of the school day.

Apple watches are not allowed, though Fitbits may be worn at your own risk but will need to be removed for PE lessons.