

# Year 6 2023-24



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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

# Welcome to Year 6

- ▶ Dear Parents/Guardians & Pupils,
- ▶ I hope that you have all had a good summer and are already enjoying the new term.
- ▶ I am very pleased to find myself teaching Year 6 again this year alongside Mr Turner who will be teaching Maths lessons for the first part of the year. Our class is also supported each day by our experienced Teaching Assistant, Mrs Shaw.
- ▶ The children are now in their final year of primary education and with that comes the expectation that they will become more responsible for themselves: remembering to complete all their homework, bring in their PE kits and look after their own belongings.
- ▶ Please be aware that our routines will be subject to change as we adapt to any updated guidelines that the government may produce. However, here is some information that you may find helpful:

# Parent Information - Times

Children are expected to be in the classroom by 8.50am and the register closes at 9am.

Break times: These are staggered into Y3/4 and Y5/6 groups. Children should bring their own healthy snack and a water bottle into school. At lunchtime, the children are encouraged to sit with their friends in their year group but also to interact with all classes on the playground.

Home time: Children should be collected at 3.20pm promptly. If you wish your child to walk to the top or to walk home, please send in a letter giving your permission for this.

# Homework

- ▶ A weekly homework task will be set as a TEAMS assignment. This ensures that the children stay familiarised with the programme should there be any need for remote learning such as a child contracting Covid but still being well enough to learn.
- ▶ Spellings are taught and sent out each Wednesday and the children will be tested on them, within spelling dictation sentences, the following Wednesday. The spellings for the year are on our website so can always be accessed if your child is absent. They should be learned using the strategies provided so that they are retained in the long term memory and will continue to be applied correctly. One of the spellings will be highlighted as a vocabulary focus and the pupils will look up the definition on day 1, use the word within a sentence on day 2, be able to speak of its word classification on day 3, identify other words within that word family on day 4 and identify synonyms/antonyms on day 5.
- ▶ Along with the above, the children will all be expected to read several times a week, completing their reading record at least 3 times a week. It would be very much appreciated if parents/guardians would try to listen to the children read or converse with them about their book, along with helping them to learn their spellings.
- ▶ Times tables can be practised using the 'TTRockstars' computer programme.
- ▶ The '5 a day' maths questions and the vocabulary word work can be completed as early work each morning but, if a pupil does not do this, they must complete them for homework that evening.

# P.E.

- ▶ Year 6's PE sessions will be on a Thursday afternoon depending on the term – one of their sessions for the first term should be swimming and a separate letter has been sent out about this.
- ▶ PE uniform will be expected, which consists of a navy polo shirt, black/navy blue short, pumps or trainers. A track suit may be worn for outdoor PE, when the weather is cold, but must be worn on top of their regular kit, and not be in replacement.
- ▶ Long hair is to be tied back for safety reasons, and no jewellery is allowed.



# Our Class Saint – St. Modwen/Modwenna

- ▶ St Modenna is a 7<sup>th</sup> century saint who has strong links with Staffordshire. She was a nun who founded Burton Abbey and was said to have performed miracles on and around the river Trent.
- ▶ There is a well upon the site of the Abbey which is still rumoured to have healing powers.
- ▶ Amazingly, it is believed that her remains were found in 2022 and they are currently in Birmingham University awaiting verification.
- ▶ The St Modwen housing company is named after her.



# A Very Busy Academic Year

- ▶ Prefects and Monitors – these were announced in our first Achievement Assembly
- ▶ Residential Trip –Stanley Head information will be covered shortly
- ▶ Booster Classes – will begin in the Spring Term
- ▶ Sacrament of Confirmation – this usually takes place around March time and sacramental preparation is undertaken by the whole class as it is part of our RE curriculum. Father Julian will be coming into school to talk to the children as part of this process
- ▶ SATs – w/c 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- ▶ Secondary School Transitions – these take place throughout the Summer Term
- ▶ Leaver's Assembly – a great finale to your child's time at St John's!

# Booster Classes

- ▶ Revision Packs are handed out in October
- ▶ Option to purchase SATs revision books in November
- ▶ Booster Classes begin in January and run until the week before SATs
- ▶ St Margaret Ward may also offer booster classes as these have been very successful in preparing pupils for secondary school
- ▶ Children are allowed to bring in snacks



# SATs week beginning 14.5.24

- ▶ **Monday 14th May 2024** English SPaG - short answer questions (paper 1 – 45 mins) Spelling test (paper 2 – 20 mins)
- ▶ **Tuesday 15th May 2024** English Reading paper (1 hour)
- ▶ **Weds 16th May 2024** Mathematics Arithmetic (paper 1 – 30 mins) Mathematics Reasoning (paper 2 – 40 mins)
- ▶ **Thursday 17th May 2024** Mathematics Reasoning (paper 3 – 40 mins)

# Scaled Scores

- ▶ Your child will receive a raw score for each of their papers which will then be converted into a Scaled Score. This ranges from 80-120. If your child achieves a score of 100 or more they have achieved the age related expectation. If your child achieved a score of 110 or above they have achieved the Greater Depth standard. The raw score threshold changes each year, please see the link below
- ▶ [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/723470/2018\\_KS2\\_scaled\\_score\\_conversion\\_tables.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/723470/2018_KS2_scaled_score_conversion_tables.pdf)
- ▶ The 2024 results date has not yet been announced but it was 11<sup>th</sup> July in 2023.

# Writing - Teacher Assessment

- ▶ At least 6 pieces of independent work from March 2024 will have to be assessed using the following criteria
- ▶ [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/740345/2018-19\\_teacher\\_assessment\\_frameworks\\_at\\_the\\_end\\_of\\_key\\_stage\\_2\\_WEBHO.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/740345/2018-19_teacher_assessment_frameworks_at_the_end_of_key_stage_2_WEBHO.pdf)

# Stanley Head Residential Visit

- ▶ Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- ▶ Staffing – there will always be two members of St John's staff on duty
- ▶ Travel – we will be collected and returned via Stanley Head's mini buses
- ▶ Dormitories – we have booked separate dorms for this year's visit. The boys will all be in one dormitory by the canteen and the girl's will be situated by the classroom
- ▶ Activity groups – these will be announced to the children during the week before the trip
- ▶ Payment –please ensure that any outstanding payments are made as soon as possible

## Example Timetable

### STANLEY HEAD OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

Out of Bed	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST:	Breakfast Time	Morning Duties	Inspection		
9:15 MORNING SESSION 12:30	WELCOME TOUR OF SITE SETTLE IN	1. BOULDERING 2. CAVING	DEEP HAYES EXPEDITION	1. Indoor climbing 2. Team Building	1. RIFLE SHOOTING + TEAM BUILDING  2. HIGH ROPES
Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time
13:30  AFTERNOON SESSION  16:30	1. HIGH ROPES 2. RIFLE SHOOTING + TEAM BUILDING	1. CAVING 2. BOULDERING	CONTINUED	1. Team Building 2. Indoor Climbing	REVIEW OF WEEK DEPART BY 13.30
DINNER:	Dinner, Duties			Dinner, Duties	Weather, Staffing and student abilities may necessitate change. Programme for guidance only.
EVENING SESSION	CLIPPER TRAIL	NIGHTLINE	SCAVENGER HUNT	CAMP FIRE	
	Evening Drink - Recreation - Retire To Bed - Lights Out (Times Related To Age Group)				

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## Suggested kit list - Residential

- ☐ Washing things
  - o Soap, face cloth,
  - o Large towel,
  - o Toothpaste and toothbrush o Comb/Hairbrush
- ☐ Clothes
  - o Tracksuit bottoms and trousers (Preferably not jeans)
  - o T-shirts
  - o Socks (including thick socks to wear with wellies if possible)
  - o Underwear
  - o Pyjamas
  - o Outdoor coat
  - o Warm tops/jumpers
  - o Indoor shoes/trainers
  - o Wellies
  - o Waterproof coat and trousers
  - o Old pair of trainers

PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING AS LOST PROPERTY CANNOT BE KEPT

Autumn & Spring Terms:

- ☐ Gloves, scarf and woolly hat

Additional Kit:

- ☐ Torch
- ☐ Mug (suitable for hot drinks)
- ☐ Tea Towel
- ☐ Camera – at your own risk. We recommend a cheap/disposable variety.
- ☐ Packet of biscuits.



## Medication:

Please ensure you bring any prescribed medicines you may need including Asthma Inhalers and hay fever tablets. Children often suffer from chaffed lips in colder weather and a small pot of Vaseline or a lip balm is advisable. Staff will supervise medication. A form will be sent out asking for permission for staff to administer medication when/if it is required.

## DO NOT BRING:

- ☐ Large amounts of money
- ☐ electronic games, MP3s or other valuable items
- ☐ hair dryers
- ☐ knives
- ☐ Mobile phones
- ☐ Sweets or chewing gum

# Secondary School Transitions

- ▶ Each secondary school has a different transition routine but we work with all of them to ensure that they know everything about your child that will enable the transition to be as smooth and as stress-free as possible. Below are some of the secondary schools that our pupils move on to:
- ▶ St Margaret Ward
- ▶ Kings
- ▶ Kidsgrove Secondary
- ▶ Ormiston Horizon
- ▶ Congleton
- ▶ Alsager
- ▶ St Josephs
- ▶ Painsley

# Thank you for all of your support

- ▶ We are really looking forward to a busy and fantastic year with the children.
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- ▶ Any questions? Please email me at [year6-ks2@stjohnskidsgrove.org.uk](mailto:year6-ks2@stjohnskidsgrove.org.uk)

