



Waterbeach Community Primary School
Year 6 Team Letter
End Spring - Summer 2024



<p>Panda Class – Mr Smith</p> 	<p>Tree Kangaroo Class – Mrs Freeman</p> 
<p>Wow, Spring term seems to have disappeared in the blink of an eye and with the children's final term at Waterbeach on the horizon, they could all do with a quick battery recharge ready to face the Summer term head on. We look forward to welcoming them back Monday 15 April.</p> <p>A copy of the letter and other information will be posted on the school website.</p>	
<p>Exciting things the children will be learning in the Summer term...</p> <p>Our topic this term will be mainly focused around our trip to the Isle of Wight. We will investigate the history of the island including some field work on our visits to Carisbrooke Castle and Osborn House. We will also look at the geographical similarities and differences between the Isle of Wight and areas that we have studied this year and of course our local environment.</p> <p>In Science we will be investigating the circulatory system before moving onto the ageing system linking nicely to our Maths. In RE, we will be trying to explain what matters most through looking at the views of Christians and Humanists. In PSHE, we will be focusing on our personal safety before moving onto the very real topic for the children in terms of managing change. In ICT we will looking at 3d modelling and how to create a webpage. In PE, the children will be completing a unit on Athletics and Swimming (fingers crossed) and a new unit based around disability sports. More information can be found by accessing the ‘Curriculum Captures’ here.</p>	
<p><u>Teacher PPA (Planning, Preparation & Assessment) Time</u></p> <p>Mr Smith (Pandas) has release time on a Wednesday which is covered by Mrs Page, Mrs Norman and Mrs Blackaby. Tree Kangaroos will be covered by Mrs Page & Mrs Norman on a Wednesday afternoon.</p>	<p><u>SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS</u></p> <p>8:40 – Children can come into school via the classroom door. The doors will close, after this time, children will need to come to the office and be signed in. 10.30 – 10.45 – Breaktime 12:30 – 1.15 – Lunchtime 3.15 – End of the school day</p>
<p>If you would like you child to walk home on their own after school then you will need to send written permission for them to do this.</p>	
<p><u>PE</u></p> <p>Pandas/Tree Kangaroos – Monday & Thursday</p> <p>Children should have a PE kit consisting of: a house colour T-shirt without buttons, dark plain shorts, jogging bottoms, a jumper and a change of shoes for outdoors. No jewellery should be worn during Physical Education lessons including swimming. It is also not safe to cover earrings / studs / sleepers with tape. If children wear earrings to school, they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons. If your child is unable to do so, earrings should be removed before coming to school. We advise that if you are going to allow your child to have their ears pierced, that this is done at the start of the summer holidays so that their PE entitlement is not compromised.</p> <p><u>!TRAINERS!</u></p> <p>As per the weekly letters over the last few weeks, please can you ensure that children have a change of shoes so that they are fully able to participate in PE.</p> <p>If your child is unable to participate in PE, please, as will be expected next year, provide a letter/email detailing why your child is unable to participate in PE.</p>	

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Swimming

We are very much hoping that swimming will go ahead this year in the second half of term. We are putting everything in place so that this can happen as long as circumstances allow. We will be sending more details when we have things confirmed.

BEHAVIOUR INFORMATION

We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for everyone so that we can all work together in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe that we can do this by trying to keep the school rules.

We are gentle	We are honest	We are kind and helpful
We try our best	We listen	We look after property

For more details on our behaviour policy please see the school website – [About Us/School Policies](#)

HOME LEARNING

This year we would like all children to focus on reading for their home learning. There are so many ways that you could do this such as sharing a book together or reading to your child. In our experience, many children tend to lose some of their good reading habits during time away from school and this can set back their progress. As we need to be able to read to access nearly all other subjects, we really want all our children to retain the skills they have worked so hard to achieve this year. If you would like to see which books have Accelerated Reader quizzes, you can check using this [website](#). They can then quiz these on their return to school.

You will have also seen a letter detailing the strategies we use for the four main mathematical operations. If you wanted to complete any examples over Easter period or beyond, it is always good to keep these skills bubbling over in the background while we learn new concepts in class.

!Jewellery!

Please can all additional jewellery be left at home. There have been several children wearing necklaces be that in plain sight or underneath clothes – please can these be kept at home thus reducing the risk of necklaces being caught in class/corridors or lost in school especially if they hold sentimental value.

We are continuing to have a difficult time with hooped earrings being worn by some children – can we insist that children wear just studded earrings reducing the risk of earrings being caught accidentally in class/corridors.

Acrylic nails have also made the odd appearance which aren't appropriate for school use given some of the subjects we cover during the week.

Having glanced at the Cottenham Village College uniform expectations, they are very precise and therefore it would be in your best interests to look at these. This [link](#) will take you to the CVC website and uniform section. At a glance, no nail varnish is to be worn of any kind and a single pair of studded earrings.

COMMUNICATION

We aim to have open communication channels to keep you informed about everything that is going on in school and to give easy access to speak to us if needed.

If you have any worries or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher. Contacting us by email is always the best way as teachers are very busy before and after school, and if we know that you would like to meet with one of us, we can put some time aside on an evening when we don't have meetings. All the teachers' email addresses are provided for you below.

Ways we can communicate:

School/team letters – where possible we would like to send all letters via email.

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Website – We hope the website is a good reference source, if there are things that you would like to see included please let us know.

Email – you can send emails to your child's class teacher or team leader (Mr Smith). The protocol is that teachers will respond within 3 working days. If you need a more urgent response, then you can leave a message with the school office.

Tree Kangaroos Class – Mrs Freeman – cfreeman@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Panda class/Team Leader – Mr Smith – dsmith@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Appointments – if you would like to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher please contact them via email to arrange a suitable time.

Summer Term Key Dates

We aim to keep to these dates but occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control they may need to change.

Please see the school [website](#) for upcoming dates with any additional dates appearing in the weekly letters. Term dates and key dates can be [found here](#).