



Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term. It was wonderful to see Year 6 settle into their new classes last half term. We had an excellent week during Bikeability recently, where children at all levels of bike riding made amazing progress. We have done some baseline SATS assessment, which we are ready to share with you at the upcoming parents evening. If you have any questions or concerns before then, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or send an email. Mrs Stevenson susan.stevenson@hunsletstmarys.co.uk

School Uniform

- Lemon yellow polo shirt
- Jade green jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- Grey trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore
- **Black** shoes or trainers
- Yellow summer dress

PE Kit

- White t shirt
- Black or navy leggings, shorts, jogging bottoms (no branded logos)
- Trainers
- Black or navy hoody for outdoor PE (school jumper to be worn during the day)

Jewellery – please remember not to wear necklaces, bracelets etc. for school.

Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 3rd November – school opens for the start of autumn 2
- Wednesday 5th November – Shine Bright Day (children can wear sparkly or bright coloured clothes to school) Monday 10th November – Anti-Bullying Week (children are encouraged to wear odd socks)
- Wednesday 12th November – Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 12th November – Year 6 Amethyst Class Worship (rescheduled)
- Friday 14th November – Children in Need (children can wear their own clothes for a suggested donation of £1)
- Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th November – Pupil Progress Meetings for parents/carers
- Wednesday 26th November – Year 5 Opal Class Worship
- Thursday 27th November – Staff Training Day (school closed to children)

The School Day

8:50am - children should be on the main playground where teachers will come and meet them

8:55am – school day starts at 8:55am

3:25pm – school day ends

Parents Evening - 25.11.25 – 26.11.25

Please book your appointment for parents evening on Arbor. If you are struggling to make an appointment please come and speak to me or email me and I can assist you with this. I look forward to seeing you, sharing your child's progress and working with you to help them succeed this year.

Attendance and Punctuality

Children should be ready to start school at 8:55am and they are marked as late if they arrive between 9am and 9:15am. Children arriving after 9:15am receive a 'late after registers have closed' mark which is classed as an unauthorised absence. We aim for children to have at least 94% attendance – this gives them the best possible chance to learn as much as possible at school. When attendance drops below 90% it is classed as persistent absence.

Homework

Reading books should be returned to school every Friday. Children should be reading every day for 15 minutes as this promotes fluency and broadens their reading knowledge.

Spelling quiz will be every Thursday. Please return your spelling book on this day every week.

Maths homework will be sent home on Fridays. Please return your book before the following Thursday.

Curriculum Information

English: Our texts this half term are,

Reading Rituals: Tiger Rising by Kate DiCamillo

Writing: Can We Save The Tiger by Martin Jenkins

Maths: Problems with all 4 operations, fractions and converting units of measure.

RE: Why do Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah?

Science: Materials and their properties

PSHE: Valuing difference

Geography: Why are rainforests important to us?

Art: Drawing – Artist Study (Henry Moore)

Computing: Online Safety

Computing systems and networks

Music: Songs of World War II

PE: Dance and Yoga

Our P.E days are Monday and Friday



How you can help at home with English:

Make sure your child reads a wide range of texts at home regularly.

Make sure your child learns each set of new spellings weekly and returns their spelling book on a Thursday.

Encourage your child to use websites that revisit and revise key skills such as BBC Bite size and Spooky Spellings

How you can help at home with maths:

Ensure your child completes their maths homework.

Practise times table recall and recall of mathematical facts.

You can use TTRS to help.

Children have a login from school (ask Mrs Ward if you have lost).

SATS Boosters

There will be some groups taking place during school hours and some after school. If your child is invited, please encourage them to attend as the work is targeted to help them improve their confidence and stamina for the SATS exams in May.

Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven, Matthew 5:16
Aspiration – Courage – Kindness – Forgiveness – Respect – Community