



## Class Newsletter

### Year 6 – Spring Term 1

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a great Christmas, and I am looking forward to finding out what the children have been up to.

#### PE Days

PE lessons will take place on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays**. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. The kit should include a **red t-shirt, black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms, red or black jumper**. Please do not send your children in wearing football shirts.

**Swimming:** Swimming sessions will continue to take place on Monday afternoons. We have secured use of the swimming pool and a qualified swimming teacher at Girton. Children will go in small groups for a period of six weeks, and all children will be given the opportunity to take part throughout the school year. Towards the end of the year, those who require additional support to meet the national curriculum requirements will receive top-up swimming sessions. Information has already been sent out to those who are swimming in the spring term 1. Spring term 1 groups will be sent out to parents before the February holidays.

#### Exciting events

This term, we have secured a series of Legacy Dodgeball lessons from Premier Education – these weekly dodgeball lessons will take place throughout the spring term before culminating in our class 'glow in the dark' dodgeball competition at the end of the term.

#### Home Learning

Starting in January, we will be introducing a new model for homework completion. Homework plays an important role in strengthening the partnership between home and school, while also helping children develop positive learning behaviours that prepare them for the next stage of their education. All homework will be due in on a Wednesday. Children will be reminded of this deadline, and if they forget to hand it in, they will have two further opportunities on Thursday and Friday. Please note that if homework is not handed in on Wednesday, we cannot guarantee that it will be marked, as class routines are organised to support this model; some classes also use Wednesday time to review learning and address misconceptions. If homework has not been completed by Friday, children will finish their tasks during Golden Time on Friday afternoon. We understand that families have busy schedules during the week and at weekends, but home learning remains essential in helping children apply and consolidate their learning, which is why we are prioritising this model. If you have any concerns about home learning, please speak to your child's class teacher—activities are designed to be accessible and should take no longer than 30 minutes each. Finally, please remember that reading at home is vital for your child's development, and we strongly encourage this at least three times a week.

**Curriculum Overview:** Our yearly overview of topics and themes for Year 6 is available on the school website for your reference.

This will help you stay informed about what your child will be learning throughout the year -

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=15>

**Behaviour and Rewards:** We will continue to be using **Class Dojo**, a points-based system, to record and celebrate children's positive behaviours.

I am looking forward to another great half term.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your support,

Mr Straw