



Upper School Newsletter Autumn 1



Welcome back to school!

Welcome back! We hope that you and your children enjoyed the summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. It has been delightful to see all the Upper School children back in school and settling into their new classes and lessons. The children have been bringing in their summer reading records and projects they have completed over the holiday. Well done for all the hard work.

Welcome meetings

Thank you for attending the welcome meetings this week. Power points will be uploaded to the website shortly and they will be emailed out to parents too.

Homework

Your child will be set daily maths homework on Google Classroom in addition to weekly grammar and spellings/spelling patterns activities. Please support your child completing this work.

It is very important that your child reads every day. Please remember to sign your child's reading record when you have listened to them read. Your child will be able to change their reading book when they can demonstrate that they understand what they have read. If you need any support, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 5 & 6 Walking home

For Year 5 and 6 pupils, there is the option to leave the school premises unaccompanied with your permission. If you would like your Year 5 or Year 6 child to walk home alone, please log on to parent pay where you will be able to give consent. Unless we have consent given via parent pay your child will not be allowed to walk home.

Please make a note of the date for Target Setting Day: **Friday 6th October**. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Mrs Walker

Year 6

Welcome to Year 6 and the final year at Castlefield! We are looking forward to hitting the ground running with a busy, but fun, half-term. We will be studying the books Kensuke's Kingdom (Michael Morpurgo) and Floodland (Marcus Sedgwick) in reading. In writing we will be creating our own portal stories. We will study rivers in geography, study self-portraits in art and learn all about electricity in science.

PE is on Monday and Thursday afternoons. PE kit should be brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday to be washed. Please ensure clothes are clearly labelled.

Homework will be set daily. Children will have a maths task, spelling task and SPAG task set on EdShed and will need to practise times tables on TTRS. Please remember that your child should read daily as well.

Thank you for your support and we are all looking forward to an enjoyable year!

Miss Burrell, Miss Chandler and Mrs Sheehan

Year 5

It has been a busy first week back for Year 5 and the children have settled into their new classes and new roles as the Upper Phase of the school with increased maturity. Our teachers this year are Mrs Keys, Mrs Hill-Cornwell and Ms Drummond. We are supported by Mrs Nawaz, Mrs Farooq, and Miss Hussain.

This term, we are reading 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl and in writing, we will be creating our own stories centred around a warning. In maths, we are starting with the topic of place value learning about numbers up to 1 million. We will study properties and changes of materials in science, explore portraits in Art (based on the work of Frida Kahlo) and discover South America's countries and major cities in geography.

Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. An appropriate and clearly labelled PE kit is required!

Homework will be set on Edshed and children need to continue to practise the multiplication tables on TTRS. Please read with your child every day, encourage them to discuss their understanding of the text and remember to sign their journals.

We are looking forward to having a really fun and productive year and we thank you for your continuous support.

Mrs Keys, Mrs Hill-Cornwell and Ms Drummond

Year Four

We have been enjoying getting to know the children this week and they have had a terrific start to the term. Mrs Quinton and Mr Chait are this year's teachers, supported by our Learning Support Assistant, Mrs Dasgupta.

For the first half-term, 4Q will have swimming lessons on Tuesdays and football on Fridays. 4C will have Gymnastics on Tuesdays and football on Fridays. All children will need a PE kit with trainers/plimsolls.

Please send children into school with a water bottle to keep them healthy and hydrated, containing water (not juices or squash).

We will be going to Verulamium Museum in St Albans and taking a walk to the field after which the school was named which has the features of an ancient iron fort.

In our lessons this term we will be looking at place value, perimeter and times tables in Maths; Ancient Romans in History; the digestive system and teeth in Science; Picasso in Art; discussing families and friends in PSHE; and designing recipes and cooking pizzas in DT.

Thank you for reading with your child every evening and supporting them with their homework which is set on Google Classroom every evening.

Mrs Quinton, Mr Chait and Mrs Dasgupta