



## Dates for the Diary

## Year 6 Team

### Pentecost Term Dates

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Celebration Day (bowling and ice skating).
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Jubilee Celebration Day.
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – PTA 'Break the Rules' Day.
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Open classroom for Y6 parents.
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Summer Fayre.
- w/b 11<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day.
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Play (after school).
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers' Mass.

### SATs Week 2022

- SATs Week: w/b Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- 9<sup>th</sup> May – Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation.
- 10<sup>th</sup> May – Reading.
- 11<sup>th</sup> May – Arithmetic and Reasoning (Maths).
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – Reasoning (Maths).

- Mr. Barfield (6JB Class Teacher)
- Miss Leonard (6LS Class Teacher)
- Miss Smallwood (6LS Class Teacher)
- Mrs. McCulloch (Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs. Tyler (Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs. Woodward (Teaching Assistant).
- Mr. Connolly (PE)
- Mrs. Newham (Music)
- Madame Naturel (French)

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[www.goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk](http://www.goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk)



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We are very proud of our school website. You can find all the information you need on there, plus extra work and recommended reading lists to support your children.

## General Information

We are really proud of how hard the Year 6s have been working towards their SATs assessments. It is vital that all pupils are in school during SATs week. We will be starting the day with a breakfast club at 8:15 – this is a good way for the children to come together with their friends and have some calming time before the tests begin each day.

We have lots of exciting activities planned for the rest of the school year (post SATs). However, it is important that the children remember that they are still part of The Good Shepherd Academy and that we still have high expectations of behaviour. These exciting activities can only happen if the children's good behaviour is maintained. We appreciate your support with this and look forward to giving Year 6 a great final term at GSA.

## English

Class Text – Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian

Class Text – Macbeth by William Shakespeare.

In our writing lessons we will continue to work on using dialogue to move the story forward, describing characters, settings and atmosphere as well as continuing to explore how we can use the Year 5/6 grammar and punctuation features in different text types.

We will be developing our speaking and listening skills when working on the Year 6 production – all children will be involved in this!

## Maths

This term we will be focusing on preparing your child for the SATs assessments and also the key elements of maths they will need, ready for secondary school.

Additionally, for the Summer Fayre, each class will have the opportunity to run their own stall. This will require them to apply many elements of their maths work. They will need to pitch their ideas to Mrs Toner, work out profit margins and percentages and work with large amounts of money. This will be a great opportunity for the children to apply their maths to a real life context!

## Religious Education



- Key topics: Freedom and Responsibility, Healing and Common Good.
- Sikhism Week: w/b 16<sup>th</sup> May.
- There will be a special leavers' mass in school time on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate the children's time at The Good Shepherd. Parents are warmly welcome to attend.



# SCIENCE



Our Science topics this term are the following:

Electricity – The children will know: the symbols used to draw a circuit, components of a circuit (bulbs, wires, buzzer, cell, motor etc), voltage, testing circuits and solving problems to fix them.

Light and Sight - The children will know that light travels in a straight line, the parts of the human eye and how shadows are formed.

Throughout our topics, we will carry out a range of investigations and enquiries.



# PSHE



Throughout the next term, we will be taking part in DAaRT (formally DARE) sessions led by a trained DAaRT officer. DAaRT stands for drug, alcohol and resilience training. These sessions will help prepare your children for life at secondary school, with a particular emphasis on healthy/unhealthy relationships and peer pressure.

This term we will also begin our 'Growing and Changing' topic. These lessons will support the children in exploring the changes they will experience during puberty and provide them with a safe environment to ask questions.

# Geography



Our Geography topic is about comparing the human geography of the UK, Germany and China.

We will explore the following themes: know that the countries of the world are interconnected in different ways, know the populations of the UK, Germany and China, understand what an economy is, what the UK buys and sells around the world and how the UK, Germany and China are governed.



# HISTORY



Our History topic will focus on the Ancient Maya.

We will explore the following themes: where the Ancient Maya fit into the chronology of other periods taught and world History, location of key cities in the Mayan world, how Ancient Maya society was organised, the importance of religion, daily lives of the Maya people and the reasons for their disappearance.

# Computing

This term we will be focusing on the following topics in our Computing lessons:

- Blogging
- Text adventures

In school we use Purple Mash. Children can access this at home by using their logins (found in their Homework Diary). Homework will occasionally be set through Purple Mash for Computing work or other lessons.



# French

The children have made an excellent start with learning French last half term. We will continue to practice the key greetings and responses we have learnt so far this year. The children will also know:

- Numbers 0-31
- Use colour words: bleu, rouge, noir
- Know C'est = it is
- Use the connective 'et' (and)
- Use vocabulary for common foods and fruit.

# MUSIC

This term we are excited to once again deliver our end of year production. This year's production is being finalised, and once it is announced, children will have the opportunity to audition for a part. More information to follow soon!



# Physical Education

- Year 6 will have their PE lessons on Tuesday. They will need to come to school in their PE kits on these days.
- We are lucky to be receiving sessions from an outside provider in Gaelic Football this half term.
- PE lessons will be taught by Mr. Connolly and the child's class teacher.
- Please ensure that the children's uniform and PE kit is labelled.

# ART AND DT

Our art focus will be self-portraits. We will learn about the work of Frida Kahlo and the children will have lots of opportunities to draw self-portraits in their own style, as well as using the work of Frida Kahlo as inspiration.

Our DT lessons will focus on electronics. The children will be creating their own car alarm, which they will design for a particular purpose. The topic will allow the children to explore different types of vehicles and the types of alarms they might need, test out a range of circuits with different alarm types and design their own product.

