



Ivy Bee Class



Newsletter 2024 – 2025

Welcome to Years 5 & 6 in Ivy Bee Class

The adults working with you this year

Class Teachers: Mrs Sharp (Mon – Wed) Mrs Denness (Thurs – Fri)

LSAs: Mrs Eggleton and Miss Bacon (am) Mrs Dunn (interventions pm)

PE: Mrs Sharp and Mr Goldsmith (Sports Coach)

General Information

In the mornings, the gates will be opened at **8.25am** and Ivy Bee children will be expected to come directly to the classroom via the **double doors**; the gates will be closed by **8.30am**, so if you arrive after this time, please enter via the main door and sign in with Mrs Pelosi in the office.

At **3pm**, Y5 and Y6 will be dismissed via the **library door**. (This is to help parents who have more than one child to collect and means that Y5 and Y6 do not walk back into the playground against the flow.) Y5 & Y6 children are allowed to walk home independently if a permission slip has been completed and returned to the office.

Emails: The email account for Ivy Bee Class will be checked as often as possible; however, if your enquiry needs an immediate acknowledgement or reply, then please contact the main school office.

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Equipment: Children will be expected to bring their reading book, reading record and named water bottle in their school bag on a daily basis. Children do not need to bring in their own pencil cases and equipment, as everything they will need will be provided in class.

PE: PE days will be Monday and Friday. Children are still expected to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days. Children will still need to wear their school jumpers if needed and, when the weather is chilly, track suit bottoms are advisable. Earrings need to be either removed or taped up; we do have some Micropore style tape in school, but it would be appreciated if children could bring their own.

Golden Worship



Golden Worship takes place in the hall on Friday mornings at 8.35am, to celebrate special achievements. As usual, parents/carers of recipients will be invited in to watch their child receiving their certificate. Please sign in at the school office and then make your way round to the hall door via the school car park.

Topics



A topic web will be sent out at the beginning of every half term that explains what we will be learning in each subject. This will also be available on our class page on the school website.



Homework and Reading



As reading is such a key life skill, there are high expectations for all our children to read regularly. Children will be expected to read (preferably a school book but you may read a book from home, too) several times each week for periods of at least 10-15 minutes. Reading books can be changed on any day and reading diaries will be checked on a **Tuesday** morning. Ivy Bee children will be encouraged to choose a range of books to enjoy; some of these may be longer novels, while some may be shorter books, joke books, poetry books, graphic novels, picture books for older children, and so on.

By Years 5 & 6, most children will be fluent enough readers to read independently to themselves; however, all children benefit from reading aloud to an “audience” from time to time. Children are encouraged to complete the reading record themselves but it must be signed by an adult at home. Discussions about what has been read is just as important as the reading itself, so please make time to discuss the book – talk about if they enjoyed the book and why, whether it was funny, silly, sad, scary etc..., the plot, the characters, your child’s predictions and opinions along with any tricky or new vocabulary. It is also always beneficial for a child of any age to listen to a story being read by someone else!

If you would like some inspiration or guidance on the type of books your child might like to read, then we recommend the following links and remember, many of these books can be borrowed from local libraries (as well as our own) rather than having to purchase them.

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-6-pupils-ks2-age-10-11/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-5-pupils-ks2-age-9-10/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-4-pupils-ks2-age-8-9/>

The half-termly homework tasks will follow the same format and completion of a certain number of the tasks will be awarded with a certificate. The focus for the autumn term will be spellings followed by History.

Year 6 tests - SATs



At the end of Key Stage 2 in May, Year 6 sit the National Tests, known as SATs, in English (reading comprehension, writing and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Maths. At this stage, we feel that the focus should be on settling the children into the new school year, but there will be a steadily increasing awareness of and preparation for them as the months progress. However, we do not wish any child to feel pressured or stressed about SATs, so please do talk to us if your child is struggling.

Attendance



At Brighstone, we expect all children to have a minimum attendance of 96.5% and to start the school day punctually. This is key to ensure that children are settled, ready and focused for their learning that day as soon as they arrive! The field gate will be locked at 8.30am, so after that please enter school via the main entrance and sign in at the office.

Parents’ Evenings

The first parents evening will be held on Tuesday 24th September 3.15pm – 5.30pm. A separate letter will be sent about this.