



The Marist Catholic Primary School

Year 6 Meet the Teacher Evening – September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 children,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child to Year 6. We hope that they have settled in well to their new class and are looking forward to their final year at The Marist!

The Year 6 class teachers are Mrs Way in St Thomas More's class (6T) and Mrs Walsh in St Luke's (6L). Mrs Fields is the teaching assistant in Year 6. The children will be taught French and Spanish by Mme Harrison, Music by Mrs Mather and Games by Mr Arnold.

Pupil Behaviour

Year 6 children are expected to be the example to the rest of the school in and out of class. They also have the opportunity to represent their Houses as House Captain which has an added responsibility of exceptional behaviour. We have also added in a positive behaviour step- The Thumbs Up - for showing positive Marist Learner attributes.

Marist Learner

The Marist Learner is at the heart of all our learning. During each day, we will be reminding the children of what it means to be a Marist Learner and looking for examples of the attributes in practice. When discussing their learning, we expect the children to identify their strengths and the areas they wish or need to develop. All Year 6 children should be able to discuss whether they have a "growth" or "fixed" mind-set attitude. We encourage positive attitudes and for the children to take responsibility in challenging themselves.

Safeguarding and communication

At The Marist, the safety of your child is paramount. E-safety is an integral part of our curriculum and we ask for your support in demonstrating responsible internet and social media use to our children: this includes awareness of privacy when sharing photographs online.

Keeping children safe means fostering an open channel of communication between home and school: if you have any concerns, we would request that you speak to your child's class teacher or another member of staff in the first instance. Please support all our children by refraining from discussing school matters in an open forum – in our experience, the best way to resolve any issues is by speaking to us.

Curriculum Webs

These show the areas of work that will be covered in each subject for the half term. In light of the New National Curriculum, we have worked very hard to plan an engaging and creative curriculum which will enthuse the children and encourage them to take pride in their work. Our topics for the year will be Rainforests, Chocolate Mayans, Girl Power and Polar Opposites. Each topic area will allow the children to make links in their learning across a range of subjects.

Religious Education

Within Year 6 this term we will focus on three key themes; those of Domestic Church, Baptism and Confirmation and Advent and Christmas We will also be looking at Judaism as our Other Faiths week this term. In the summer term we shall focus on Islam.

Class Worship Dates

	Leading Whole School Worship 9 to 9.30 am in Hall
St Luke	Friday 11 th November 2016
St Thomas More	Friday 3 rd March 2017

Equipment

Year 6 children should come to school with one well-stocked pencil case which includes the following:

- x2 blue handwriting pens
- x2 red ink pens
- x2 pencils, sharpener and rubber
- Colouring pencils
- Ruler
- Glue
- Scissors – not too sharp please.

NB: Please ensure all items, including stationary, are clearly identifiable with a name label.



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Games

All of Year 6 will have outdoor PE with Mr Arnold on a Tuesday morning. In addition, indoor PE will take place with their class teacher.

PE kits should always be in school in a named drawstring bag. It should be taken home at weekends to be washed and brought back on Mondays. A spare carrier bag for dirty trainers is always useful.

Please ensure that all PE kit and uniform is clearly named and that each child has a change of socks. A note is required if your child cannot do PE. **No jewellery should be worn for PE or during school.**

Homework

This year is key for preparing pupils for secondary school and we take homework very seriously – it is vital that the children get in to good habits for organising their time and completing their homework to a deadline. As well as English and Maths, children may receive research based topic homework, Science or RE. We encourage a love of reading and would appreciate if you could support this by hearing your child read, reading to them and asking questions about the reading. It is advised that children receive a good balance of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Please also support your child this term as they undertake their “Reading Mileage Passport”, how quickly can they reach their destination? The majority of homework will be set on a Monday to be returned by Friday.

Bikeability

This will be happening in the spring term. Your child will be notified by letter giving details of the arrangements and dates.

EPR in the Summer Term

In the summer term the EPR will focus on Sex Education. There will be a Parent Information Evening for EPR in order to discuss the teaching content in preparation for this sensitive subject.

Please refer to the Annual Calendar, as emailed in The Marist Mail, for key dates.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the Year 6 Team throughout the year, appointments can be made via the school office.

We hope everyone has a very happy and enjoyable **final** year at The Marist!

Mrs Way and Mrs Walsh