

Homework –

Friday 18th June 2021



Mrs Taylor

Dear Parent/Carer

As I write this (on Wednesday) we have a self-defence session going on in the hall, a dance session in Reception, and a rounders competition for Y5 and Y6 outside on the junior playground. Tomorrow, we have tennis and circus skills to enjoy. Yesterday, we had a trip to Graves Leisure Centre for tennis, trampoline and gymnastics and we had dancing and self-defence in school. It is certainly busy, as these are just a few of the events that are happening this week. As well as all this, the Y6 are off to Go-Ape on Friday, which should be a wonderful experience for them. We have decided to cancel KS2 Sports Day, due to the forecast of poor weather on Thursday, but we will make sure we fit it in when we can.

This is the first of five weeks that are being dedicated to sport, world music, art, classical music and Spanish. The point of all this is to give children wonderful experiences that will make school a fascinating, fun and safe place to be: Covid has spoiled a lot over the past year or so and we want to make sure that children get the most out of the time we have left this term.

The latest government announcement on the delay to full reopening has meant that we cannot now transition new nursery children into the school in July as we had hoped, which has been a bit of a blow, but the other year groups will go ahead with their transitions as planned. The school is closed for an Inset Day on Friday 2nd July so that teachers can prepare their new classrooms: following that, we will have a three week transition period when children will move up a year and work with their new class teachers, which is a great way to hit the ground running for September...

I am sure that parents can recall that just before our half-term break, that we had a break-the-rules day at school where children could pay to break certain rules. We were unsure how well this would work, but we were delighted to see how much children enjoyed the opportunity. It says a lot about how brilliantly children behave at Ivanhoe that we can loosen the rules and children still maintain their high levels of respect for the school and staff whilst having some playful fun at our expense☺. We also heard from parents that they had seen evidence of improved self-confidence in their children as a result of the day. We raised £775 for the memorial playground equipment for Paula Gathercole, which goes to show the generosity of our school community. It was a really great day and we will definitely be repeating the experience in the future...

Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues...

Signed:

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