

13th December 2017

Dear parents,

Another busy term has passed, and we are all now looking forward to the holidays. The year 6 children all worked extremely hard last week on the Tudor Christmas Market, which was a huge success, thanks to your generosity and support on the day. We have made just over £400, which will be spent on our charity this year, the new school library, so thank you very much indeed.

Next term we are continuing with our Tudor topic, but looking specifically at **Tudor exploration**. This is the theme of the **homework project** for next term. This term's work has been great – we are very impressed with the standard of work and the originality of the ideas some of the children have. Next term, we will also be looking at weather in relation to Tudor exploration i.e. the problems the ships encountered at sea with severe storms, hurricanes and tornadoes. So if your child would prefer to do a **weather-related project**, that would be great! For the theme of Tudor exploration, we invite the children to look at either a Tudor explorer, a vessel used by a Tudor explorer, or the areas of the world they explored. As always, they can present their project in any form they wish. **Please can your child send in the finished product during the last week of term in February.**

Please look at the curriculum button on our website and click on the Whole School Topic Overview, Years 5 and 6 Cycle B to see details of what the children will be looking at next term.

Dates for your diary: (More information will follow about these separate events).

Tuesday 9th January 2018: Year 5 boys are going to Commonweal for the second Andy Cope workshop from 9:15 – 2:15 and will need to bring a packed lunch.

From Friday 12th January 2018: Swindon Town Team Primary Stars sessions with years 5 and 6 will commence and run for 10 weeks every Friday morning. They will not only focus on football, but on team-building and respect in sport, as well as honing other skills in other sports. Also, **year 6 are visiting Commonweal on 12th January** for a maths lesson.

Monday 22nd January 2018: all **Year 6 parents** are invited to a meeting regarding the SATs and Interim Framework at 5.30pm in the New Hall.

Week commencing 22nd January 2018 is STEM week, when we will be focusing on science, maths and ICT – lots of activities and workshops are planned.

Monday 29th January 2018 at 5.30pm, all **Year 5 parents** are invited to attend a meeting about the residential trip to the Red Ridge Outdoor Education Centre in Wales next October.

We hope you have a relaxing Christmas break and we look forward to a busy but exciting term next year. We will see your children **back in school on Wednesday 3rd January 2018**, as Tuesday 2nd is a Training Day.

With kind regards,

The Year 5/6 Team