

Year 6 Welcome Letter 2016

Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your children had a wonderful summer. We are really looking forward to working with you this Autumn Term. Together we will be teaching Year 6 (Mrs Read Monday to Thursday and Mrs Foreman on a Friday), along with the support of our Teaching Assistant, Mrs Hall every morning.

Year 6 Curriculum: Year 6 builds on the great work from Year 5. In Year 6 our aim is to prepare the children for their SAT tests in May and for their transfer to Key Stage 3.

For your information, children are working not towards levels any more but standardised scores. By the end of the year, to achieve in line with the majority of children nationally, we are looking at Standard 'Year 6 Expected' and Standard 'Year 6 Exceeding' if your child is achieving well above national expectations.

Here follows some further information about the running of class 6:

PPA: As many of you will be aware it is a legal requirement that teachers receive planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA). My PPA time will be on Monday afternoons and Year 6 will be taught by Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Daysh.

Homework: The children will be given homework on Friday to be returned to school on the Friday of the following week. This will generally be linked to the work in Literacy, Numeracy, Science or our topics from the week. We expect the children to read on a daily basis as well being secure in fast recall of the multiplication tables- both multiplication and division. Spellings are also given out on Friday to be tested on the Friday of the following week. The children will also be asked at times to complete work started at school.

P.E. It is very important that children have appropriate P.E. kit to keep themselves and others safe whilst doing the activities. The kit needs to have in it: black shorts, red T- shirt, trainers and for the colder weather tracksuit bottoms. If children belong to the after school football club they also need shin pads and football boots whilst for the hockey club they need shin pads. PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays.

Art: We do have some aprons, which the children are reminded to wear, but if you wish to send them in with an old shirt to help keep their clothes clean please feel free to do so.

Medicines: Most medicines can be taken out of school hours. However, if this is unavoidable you must bring the medicine to the school office so that you can fill in a form enabling Mrs. Wint to administer the medicines, which she will do as close to lunchtime as she can.

Holidays and other absence:

Key Stage 2 SAT Tests

Please avoid your child being absent as the tests are scheduled for the week beginning Monday 8th May 2017. Please note that no holiday will be authorised during this week.

Parent consultations: There will be a Welcome Meeting for parents/carers of children in Year 5 and 6 on **Wednesday 14th September at 5pm**. A fuller Parents Evening will happen later in the year.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

With best wishes:

Mrs Laura Read and Mrs Susie Foreman

Year 6 Class Teachers