



Ely St Mary's C of E Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a good summer break and we welcome back the children to their last year at Ely St. Mary's. We're hoping that the children are all enthusiastic and motivated for the term ahead. We aim to make the year challenging and enjoyable, building upon what the children have learnt in Years 3, 4 and 5, preparing them for their SATs alongside enjoyment of the Y6 curriculum. We aim to increase their knowledge on many topics, as well as developing many valuable skills for life. The SATs tests are important and can be very enjoyable and rewarding if approached positively. Our approach has been much appreciated by children in the past – by the time the tests come they feel positive, ready and confident as they have prepared and been responsible for their learning. Everybody likes a challenge and this is how we approach them – striving for excellence and success. By the end of Year 6 we hope that the children all feel confident and enthusiastic about their move to secondary school but also enjoy and benefit from the experience of Ely St. Mary's Junior School and take with them the many happy memories of their time here.

Miss Gardner 6E Mrs Briggs 6S Mr Noble/Mr Kett 6T Mr Balmer 6M

The School day/week

As usual, children must be in school for registration, which will close at **9am**. However, in September all year groups will go into their classrooms from **8:50am** to ensure we are in class for registration on time. Lunch time for Year 6 will be 12.20pm - 1:20pm. Other timings during the day remain as they did in Year 5.

Year 6 PE/ outdoor games days will be on a Tuesday. Please ensure your child has their kit in school with them and to bring warmer kit for outdoor lessons in the winter. A gentle reminder about earrings in that they must be removed for the session.

Drop-ins – Fridays or please make an appointment through Class Dojo or the School Office. Please come and see us as we would love to share your children's learning journey and achievements throughout the year.

What to expect in the first few weeks

We wouldn't want to give away too many surprises, now, would we?

Getting carried away with our imaginations and creating dragons. Writing instructions on how to train a dragon and looking at habitats of animals, especially those who live in a mountain environment. Not only that but looking at creating our own superheroes! What superpowers will they have and what adventures they may have as well as looking at our own bodies and the amazing things that happen inside them. We'll have an activity day based on Vikings to further enrich our topic – were they heroes or villains?

The children will be working in a different area of the school, with new teachers and in new classes. Whilst the majority of this would have been experienced on Change Up Day, a noticeable change the children may feel in the first few weeks is the natural increase in expectation and pace of learning following the summer break and moving up a year. We have every confidence they will adapt to these changes and continue to be happy and successful independent learners. To help us ensure this happens, the teachers will take some early opportunities to assess where the children are at in their learning as this is crucial for helping us to know where your child needs support to progress, as well as where they need to be pushed forward onto more challenging learning.

With SATs in mind, we will be giving the children the opportunity of looking and having a go at the 2018 papers so they have an idea of what to expect and what they need to work on in order to achieve their full potential. It will give us an idea of how to personalise learning for individuals and how we can support all children. There will be a Come and Enjoy Café, which will include a presentation for parents and children

