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Year 6 Welcome Newsletter

I am very excited to welcome the children into Year 6 as they embark on their final year at primary school. Year 6 is a challenging, yet rewarding, year. The children will take on new responsibilities and the rest of the school will certainly look up to them. In Year 6, we work hard to ensure that all the children have the best possible opportunity to achieve their full potential. We also try to ensure that we have fun along the way and provide the children with some lovely, lasting memories.

I have put together some information that will hopefully answer some of the questions you may have and give you a clear overview of key things you need to know. I look forward to working with you all again! - Mrs Farrell

Mrs Farrell



Mrs Ibbetson



Miss Norris



Staff

Mrs Ibbetson and Miss Norris will be working alongside us in our Year 6 family. If there is anything you think we need to know, and you can't catch a member of staff at the beginning or end of the school day, please do ring/email school or write on Class Dojo. Staff will aim to respond to communication within 48 hours of receiving communications during core school hours, or their working hours (if they work part-time). In line with promoting staff wellbeing and helping our staff find a suitable work-life balance, staff may work around other responsibilities and commitments and respond outside of these hours, but they are not expected to do so.

Weekly Mass

On Tuesday, different classes from our school attend the 9:15am mass at St. Bernadette's. Dates for this will follow.

Homework

Homework is a valuable way of enhancing your child's learning and we greatly appreciate your support. Children will have weekly tasks of reading, spelling, grammar and maths. Homework will be given out, and be due back in on a **Friday**.

Reading - Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. This is essential to ensure good progress is made. The children will choose a free reader (which will be monitored to ensure appropriate levels of challenge) or a banded book and we request that parents sign their reading diaries on a daily basis. We will check these every day in the morning.

Homework continued...

Spelling- Children will be given spellings weekly and will be tested on them each Friday.

Grammar- Short grammar tasks will be stuck in homework books for children to complete. This will help them to revise terminology needed for the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling SATS paper.

Maths- A good knowledge of the times tables is a key skill every child needs. Children's progress on TTRS will be monitored as well as their times tables books. They will also have some arithmetic to complete in their homework books.

Please note: homework may change slightly at certain points in the year as it will be adapted to best-suit the needs of the children at that time.

Lunches

Please order these on the Evolve SO app and if you have any questions, please contact the school office. As a 'Healthy School', we ask that break time snacks are fruit or a healthy alternative.

Payments

Please use ParentPay / Arbor for all payments to the school. Please contact the school office with any questions you may have about this.

Equipment/Resources needed

Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle each day - they can be refilled at break and lunchtime. As Year 6 are currently swimming on a Tuesday, they only have one other PE slot which is on a Wednesday. The children need to come to school wearing their PE kit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. After half term, when they are no longer swimming on a Tuesday, they will have a second PE slot. We will confirm the day nearer the time. Please label all clothing, coats and shoes.

Attendance

It is very important to your child's education that they attend school and arrive on time. If there are any problems, we will be happy to help.

No holidays must be taken during term time.

Important Dates for Year 6

8/9/26 - Swimming starts

29/9/26 – Y6/ Reception Welcome Mass in school