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Welcome to Year 6

7th July 2017

Dear Parents,

It will be just a matter of weeks before your child starts in Year Six so we thought that you might like to know a few of the arrangements that are in place for the next academic year.

Your child's teachers are:



Miss K. Morgan



Mrs D. Le Chevalier



Mr A. Sutton

TAs - Mrs Fraser, Mrs Roden and Mrs Jones are our TAs and will each support an English and Maths set. The children will be told their teacher for English and Maths and will be spending some time with them as part of our transition afternoon. Our sets are never set in stone as we assess continually and keep you informed of changes.



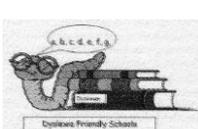
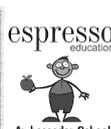
Mrs K. Fraser



Mrs L. Roden



Mrs D. Jones



SATs:

As you may know, the format of the Year 6 SAT tests has changed greatly over the past 2 years. Consequently, on **Thursday 14th September** - at both 2.30pm and 7pm - we will hold a Year 6 parents meeting to share vital information regarding the SAT tests. More information on this will follow and, at the beginning of the Autumn term, we will kindly be requesting that you confirm your attendance at either meeting. The SATs tests will take place during week commencing **Monday 14th May 2018**. There will be additional writing assessments during May and June and it is likely that the children may be selected for a Science sample SAT during this time period too. We would strongly recommend avoiding these months when considering booking any term-time holidays.

Homework:

The children will have their homework diaries in September, and we include a page that sets out the homework timetable. Please read and note as to when your child will get homework. The class timetable will also be in the diary so you can see when indoor P.E. is taught. We welcome you to check these diaries and sign regularly, as by Year 6 we do expect the pupils to write down their homework tasks. We communicate with parents using Class Dojo and many messages will be sent this way. Equally, if you need to contact your class teacher then please do not hesitate to message via ClassDojo. Maths homework will often be set via Mathletics and we will organise a timetable for Mathletics lunchtime/before school clubs in early September.

P.E & Games:

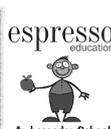
Games/P.E - The outdoor lessons take place on a **Friday** for all classes and indoor lessons take place on a **Wednesday afternoon**.

Your child will need trainers, a track suit and a t-shirt. A plastic bag for muddy trainers would be advisable in the winter. For indoor P.E your child will need plain shorts and a white t-shirt. They do not need pumps. Please note that there is **NO** jewellery to be worn - earrings must be removed. We do not tape over them and cannot remove them for the child. Recently pierced ears will mean that your child cannot participate in P.E/Games lessons until they can be removed.

Stationery:

In Year 6 the children will be provided with a pen and a pencil - although when these run out they will need replacing. We only allow bios if a left handed child has difficulties with trailing fingers that smudge ink, we will advise. They will also need a pink and purple biro for perfecting and polishing their work. In addition, the children will need the following equipment:

- Sharp pencil(s)
- Transparent 30cm ruler
- A Pritt Stick or similar glue stick (non-coloured please)



Whiteboards will be provided for the children in school. Homework folders must be small and kept in the children's lockers as they take up too much room on the desks. **Your child will not need a pencil case.** Not only are they very expensive but we have found these to be a huge distraction and often are bulky which takes up too much room on the tables, especially when resources are out too. Any stationery that they have been asked to bring can be stored in trays perhaps bound simply with an elastic band.

Headphones - Your child will need a **small pair** of headphones (these are stored in your child's tray) to use during ICT lessons and ICT support lessons/activities. Some children will still have these from Year 5. If you are aware that your child's are missing/lost/broken could you please send in a replacement set with your child's name on.

Uniform - please ensure **all school uniform/items are named.** The children are encouraged to use a named water bottle during the day. These are for water only.

We really look forward to an exciting and enjoyable year with your child, and if together we work as team they will attain the standard of which we are proud and know that you aspire with us.

Have a refreshing & relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely

Miss Morgan, Mrs Le Chevalier and Mr Sutton

