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St. Anne's C.E. Primary School



Dear Parent,

Welcome to Year 6!

Firstly, may I introduce myself and welcome you to the start of what is undoubtedly an important school year here at St Anne's for your child/children. Year 6 is important for many reasons, whether it is because it is the final year of your child's primary education or the year in which they prepare themselves for moving up into secondary school, or even because of the SATS. Please be assured that we at St. Anne's want the best for each and every child and we will endeavour to ensure that they all reach their potential, whatever it may be.

Following this, Y6 will once again be supported by Mrs Colman, for five mornings a week. She will be responsible for providing targeted teaching to various small groups of children in Maths and English in the areas they require. We are extremely fortunate to be able to call upon her experience and knowledge of KS2 and she, without doubt, will be a major asset to our Year 6 provision.

Now just a few housekeeping notes to ensure a smooth start to the year!

PE – Your child will have a PE lesson on a Monday afternoon but I would be grateful if you could ensure a full school PE kit is in school each day so if an opportunity for PE arises the children will have their kit.

Art shirts – I would be grateful if you could provide your child with an art shirt which can be kept in school. An old shirt that would otherwise be thrown out is ideal.

Water bottles - Please allow your child to have a water bottle in school at all times. School water bottles can be purchased from the school office at a small cost.

Homework will be given each week as follows:

We will mainly focus on Maths and English. The work that is sent home on a Friday will reinforce the class teaching from that week and it is expected that this will be completed and returned for the following Tuesday. In addition to the weekly homework, spellings will also be given out on a Friday and tested the following week as part of a dictation exercise.

Behind this weekly homework there is an expectation that the children read regularly using the books from the reading scheme at school. It is vital that your child reads regularly and that they complete tests on a regular basis. This home reading will be complimented with daily reading sessions in school, where children will be able to complete tests and school staff can listen to smaller groups read.

We will also start to provide SATS boosters for the whole class in order that we can address any issues that may be occurring. They have proven extremely beneficial for the pupils and they really help their confidence when approaching their tests. You will find that at this time their homework may change slightly because it will be driven by their individual booster sessions.

Throughout the year your child will become a 'Buddy' to one of our new starters in Reception. This scheme has proved a great success over the years and it has been very rewarding for the older pupils to see the difference that they have made to a small child starting at St. Anne's. We spend the first few weeks pairing the children up and ensure as best we can that the children are matched appropriately. There will be a Buddy Assembly within the first few weeks so that the 'Buddies' can formally introduce themselves to their little friend down in Reception.

Finally there is no getting away from the fact that Year 6 is the SATS year! This can be a stressful time for the children (and me), but we do our best to prepare the children so that they can tackle them with confidence. This said, we will endeavour to make the first term leading up to Christmas, as 'normal' as possible and whilst there is an appreciation that the work they are doing is for SATS, we will try extremely hard to ensure that we do not overly burden them with concerns for SATS at this point. In the following terms, increasing emphasis will be put on SATS, but this will be done in a sensitive and responsible way.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Millar

