

Dear children, parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a brilliant summer holiday and the children feel refreshed after a well-deserved break and are ready for an exciting but challenging year in Class 6.

This term our Christian value in focus is 'Generosity' and worship time in school will focus on this. We are starting the year with the whole-school learning metaphor 'Be transformed by the renewing of your mind' and the children will be spending some time considering what transformation means to them and thinking carefully about their personal goals for this academic year. In English this term, we will be reading the book 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick. It is a great novel set in a dystopian world and one that I am confident the children will really enjoy. In Maths we will be focusing on place value: we will be looking at numbers up to 10,000,000 as well as rounding and investigating negative numbers.

PE

Mr Tanner will be teaching Class 6 PE on Friday afternoons so please ensure your child comes to school in PE kit (trainers, navy blue shorts/skorts, joggers and house colour top only).

Autumn 2 (starting on Tuesday 4th November)

I am very excited to share with you that for next half term, starting on Tuesday 4th November, Year 6 PE will also include fencing with Neil Bromley from Swindon Fencing Club; the children had a taster session at the end of Year 5 during Sports Week which I know they really enjoyed. The 6-week fencing course for Year 6 (at cost of approx. £10 per session per child) for Year 6 is funded by the school as part of our affordability project so no additional cost to parents but a brilliant opportunity for our Y6 children to achieve level 1 fencing. It may even lead to some children taking up the sport and joining the local Cricklade fencing club outside school. ***Please note the children will continue to have PE with Mr Tanner in addition to Fencing on Tuesdays with Mr Bromley.***

Home Learning

Homework this year will be set via Doodle. Homework tasks will be set on a Wednesday and will need to be completed by the following Tuesday. The first homework of this year will be set on **Wednesday 10th September**.

Reading

In Year 6, our expectation is that children read each day for at least 20-30 minutes. Children can read independently or to an adult daily. We expect every child to record their daily reading so that we can keep track of their progress. Please support your child by reminding them to complete this task each day - thank you. There are bronze, silver and gold reading bookworms available to earn and weekly reading merits so hopefully your child will be earning one in the very near future if they haven't already!

Affordability

This year's main trip for Year 6 is our residential to London (19th - 22nd May). The cost will be in the region of £320 for 4 days food, accommodation and a range of amazing visits including to a West end show. We do our absolute best to organise everything ourselves in order to keep the trip as excellent value as we can. We will have an exact idea of cost once we have provisionally booked the activities and a letter for this will go out this term with a deposit request but advance warning will help families budget for this excellent value opportunity.

Dates for the term:

Forest School sessions: Tuesday 2nd September, Wednesday 24th September

PE sessions: Friday afternoons (and Fencing on Tuesday afternoons after October half-term)

Art Days: Thursday 16th and Friday 17th October

Stay and Share session: Friday 14th November at 2.45pm

Leavers advanced dates:

Monday 13th July 1.30pm Holy Cross church leavers service and Leavers show evening performance at 6pm

Tuesday 14th July 11am Leavers performance and the annual Year 6 v parents rounders match at 1.30pm

Thank you for all of your support and here's to a brilliant year!

Mr Hockaday