



## Your Child & their Last Year at Primary School

Dear Parents,

By this time next year your child will have made the very important move to a new secondary school. Recently you will have received information regarding choice of schools. It is important you read all the information carefully and apply for the schools of your choice in time: Application deadline - 31 October 2011.

In order to prepare your child for the transition from Primary to Secondary school please take note of the following points:

### Homework

Homework is set for a variety of reasons, including reinforcing skills developed at school, supporting the delivery of the National Curriculum and encouraging pupils to be responsible for their own work.

Each child will have one piece of Mathematics homework set each week. This will be set on a Tuesday and be collected in on Friday. They may also have another piece of work which will be from a different curriculum area e.g. Literacy, Science or History as homework. In addition, children will also have spellings to learn each week that will be set each Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday.

**Please note homework should be recorded in pupil's homework diaries, and these should be completed with your signature before handing in.** If a pupil cannot complete homework by the due date, a letter of explanation will be required.

### Personal Research Projects (As part of homework)

Children will be asked to complete a research project to further their breadth and depth of knowledge and to support their topic work in school. Details will be sent out at the start of the project. This will mean that children will be working continually over the term in their own time as well as in school. Please remember that this is your child's work, but you may support as needed. Once again, this will form a sound preparation for work undertaken in secondary school. In the Summer term the children will have revision work for Standard Assessment Tests (SATs).

### National Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)

Each child will take statutory tests in English and Mathematics during the week **14th – 17th May 2012**. These tests are an important indicator as to how your child is working and results will be shared with you and passed on to secondary schools.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS WEEK IS KEPT FREE FROM HOLIDAYS AND MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.**

In addition the children's progress in reading, writing, mathematics and science is monitored using tests and on-going classroom assessment. The results of this monitoring are used to measure progress and to provide targets for the children, to help them to improve their work.

## Reading

**It is still very important that you hear your child read on a regular basis** (at least twice a week). This is in addition to the occasions when staff hear them read in school and their independent reading. Please talk to children about what they are reading and what certain words mean. Encourage them to read as much as possible and **sign their Reading Record Book** when you have heard them read. If pupils wish to read a book from home they should check that it is appropriate with their class teacher.

## Physical Education

Each class has two timetabled PE lessons each week (weather permitting). Please note which days your child will need to have a full PE kit in school. When the weather is cold, pupils will be allowed to wear a tracksuit bottoms and a jumper. All jewellery must be removed for PE.

Yellow 6: Monday & Friday , Blue 6: Monday & Friday, Red 6: Tuesday & Thursday

## Visits

There will be a trip planned for children in the summer term. Further information will be provided nearer to the date.

## Additional Responsibilities

Year 6 children have the opportunity to carry out a number of duties throughout the school week including delivering registers, lunchtime office duty, corridor, sandwich trolley and recycling.

## Outline Year 6 Curriculum

	Science	History/ Geography	Art and Design Technology	P.E.	ICT.	R.E.
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Interdependence and Adaptation / Forces.	Egypt Brazil (Passport to the World)	Talking Textiles /	Tag Rugby Gymnastics Football Dance.	Internet skills and safety. ICT will be taught through other curriculum areas.  Children will learn how to use the following: -Green-screen -Podcasting -Photoplus	Christianity
<b>Spring Term</b>	More about dissolving / Irreversible & reversible changes.	A village in India	Sense of Place (Landscapes) Shelters	Netball Dance Hockey Gymnastics.		Hinduism
<b>Summer Term</b>	Electricity / Keeping healthy / Life changes.	Ancient Greece /Olympic theme Local Area study	People in Action / Greek slippers	Athletics Rounders Kwik-Cricket.		Islam

We hope all children will work hard and be happy and successful this year.

Miss A. Chilton (Blue 6)      Mrs A. Dulson (Yellow 6)      Miss K. Link (Red 6)  
Mrs S. Cottam (Teaching Assistant)      Miss K. Jones (Learning Support)  
Mrs J. Malpass (Learning Support)      Miss B. Jewkes (Learning Support)