Our school helps us to walk with Jesus to be the best that we can be'

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Year 6 Key information

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Year 6! I look forward to a successful and enjoyable year together! Please find important information below:

KS2 Start and End of Day

A member of staff will open the school gate each day at 8:45am. This gate will close at 8:55am promptly, after which your child should enter school through the front office. The Year 6 day finishes at 3:25pm. The children exit from the gates to their awaiting grown-ups. If you are late to collect and the gate is closed, your child will be waiting inside at the main office. If you allow your child to walk home from school, please inform the office or myself. Please ensure that any changes to collection are communicated clearly via the office.

Behaviour

In Upper Key Stage Two, your child is expected to fully understand and abide by the rules within school – and that it is a choice they are making to follow or break them. The rules are designed to keep all children happy, healthy and safe. If anyone breaks one of the rules then they will be given a verbal reminder using the school's behaviour system of "*Good to be Green*". This is clearly displayed in our class. Further persistent inappropriate behaviour will result in a half turn of a yellow card - followed by a full turn if the behaviour continues. If your child continues to make the wrong choices, then a red card will be given. Telling lies, name-calling, fighting and swearing will be given a straight "red" card. When a child is given a red card, they will be seen by a member of the Senior Leadership Team who will discuss their behaviour with them. You will be informed of any red cards received.

Home Readers

Your child is expected to read every day to improve their fluency, speed and comprehension. Reading a variety of texts aids with vocabulary, spelling, grammar and punctuation – as well as imagination for creative writing. It should not be underestimated how these impact on other areas of school and daily life. This will also immensely help your child in Year 6 with their preparation for the SATs. Please sign the diary on the school page commenting on your child's success. We require the reading pack to be sent into school every day for use in the classroom.

Physical Education

Our PE days are Monday and Thursday. Please make sure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed. Your child should come into school in full PE kit on these days. All items of PE kit should be labelled so there is no mix up.

Homework and Booster sessions

Prior to Robinwood, your child sat practice SATs tests to establish a baseline for this academic year. Whilst it may feel early, the purpose is to help me plan teaching, homework and additional support effectively so that every child has the opportunity to make strong progress and achieve their personal best. From these, I have developed the Year 6 homework plans. We have discussed the homework expectations together in class, and these have now been glued into your child's homework book. I would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to read through these with your child and support them in establishing positive and manageable homework routines. This will also support them in preparing for secondary school.

As we progress through the year, your child may be invited to take part in short booster sessions. These are designed to help build confidence, strengthen fluency and consolidate skills. They will be short, focused bursts of carefully planned activities. Sessions may take place before school, at lunchtime or, where appropriate, during the school day. They will always be planned to ensure your child receives the additional support or challenge needed, without creating unnecessary pressure or overload.

Importantly, booster sessions are for children across all levels of attainment: For some children, a session may provide an opportunity to revisit and secure an important skill. For others, it may be about increasing confidence, accuracy and consistency. For children who are working towards Greater Depth, sessions are specifically designed to provide additional challenge and extend their thinking. My focus will always be on what will help each individual child make their next step forward.

Our first targeted area will be writing. These sessions will provide children with additional opportunities to become confident, successful writers. We will focus particularly on generating creative and engaging ideas, making ambitious vocabulary choices, editing and improving work, and using feedback positively to identify their own next steps. The planned Grammar homework and daily reading will also assist your child in improving their writing.

Finally, Year 6 is a very important year for all of the children – and a very busy one! They have made a fantastic start to this step up in responsibilities and work ethic. During the year, I expect them all to continue to work hard and to endeavour to achieve their full potential in all areas of school life. With consistent effort, your child has every opportunity to become the best that they can be and I look forward to sharing in their many successes over the coming year.

Please support your child as much as possible from home and encourage them to have a positive, independent, resilient attitude and to continue to embrace new opportunities and challenges with their smiles.

As always, I operate an open-door policy and can be contacted at the gate, via Dojo or via the school office.

Thank you for your support in advance.

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Mrs Conroy