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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful and restful holiday. This term our topic will be Raging Rivers. This letter provides useful information/reminders about year 6 and also attached is a timetable and curriculum map for Term 2.

Staffing

We have had quite a few staffing changes last term with Mrs Blanka Tropp and Mrs Sherriff leaving but we welcome Mrs Erika Watson to the Year 6 team. She is the new class TA and will be in class every day except Tuesday afternoon. Mrs Karen Donaghey and Mrs Jane Cox will continue to teach the children on a Tuesday morning and Ms Sarah Fletcher will be in the class on a Tuesday afternoon.

Communication

We welcome you to come and chat to us with any queries or concerns. Please do feel free to talk to us. You can find us before registration for anything that needs to be shared immediately, or after school for a quick chat, or if you prefer, make an appointment with us. Parent consultations will be coming up after half term, but do come and chat to us with any queries in the meantime.

Drop-off/Pick-up & Registers

Just a reminder that

- school starts at 8.45am and the register is taken promptly at 8.55am. Some Year 6's have taken to congregating in the playground and arriving late in class. Please encourage your child to come directly to the classroom so they can complete the morning activity that has been set.
- Children should arrive and depart via our own classroom door, which opens onto the KS1 playground unless they are late for or they attend an after school club (which they will be sent to at the end of the day).
- The outside classroom door closes at 08:55, so if you are late for any reason, please ensure that you come into school with your child via the main entrance and report to the office where you can sign your child in as late and order a school lunch if appropriate. Your child will then be directed to class.
- At 3pm all children will be released onto the playground. The school expects children to return to the classroom/school if they cannot find their adult on the school playground. Please make sure your child knows if they are expected to return home immediately from school or whether you allow them some playtime before returning home. Once the child has left the building at 3pm the staff are no longer responsible for supervision so it is very important that your child knows their after school routine.

Absence

- Please let us know in advance if your child has a medical or similar appointment and will need to be taken out of school or to arrive late.
- If your child is ill, please ring, email or text the office as soon as possible on each day of absence.

- Permission for any other absence during school time needs to be sought in advance by completing a request form available from the office. Permission for such absence is at the discretion of Mrs Donaghey and can never be authorised by the class teachers.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Wednesday and is expected to be completed by Monday. In Year 6, we are preparing for secondary school so homework will be more formal than the rest of the school. Weekly homework usually consists of:

- Daily reading and 5 entries in reading diary.
- Written Maths homework
- SPaG
- Spellings
- Online Maths - Rockstars Times Tables/Mathletics

Unfortunately, due to additional commitments in the school, I will no longer be able to run homework club on a Wednesday after school. Instead, I will be available on either a Wednesday or Thursday lunchtime to help children with their homework or provide a space for them to complete work set.

PE

PE lessons are on Tuesday and Fridays. We are sometimes able to add an additional PE session, so please make sure your child's full PE kit is in school at the beginning of each week. This should include **named** trainers, shorts and a T-shirt for PE lessons. Please tie long hair back. We will be using our outdoor spaces as much as possible, so your child may also like to have a sweatshirt and leggings or track suit bottoms to wear during the winter months.

Tissues

Tissues are always useful in the classroom. If you are able to donate a box of tissues to the class it would be much appreciated.

Pencil cases

We have everything that your child needs to use in school so they don't need to bring in pencil cases.

Mobile phones

All mobile phones need to be handed in to the office.

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Our residential trip is from the 2nd-6th March 2020. There will be a meeting on Monday 20th January at 3pm in the Year 6 classroom.

Best wishes,

Lesley Pettitt