



4th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all may I take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of myself, Mrs Lawrence and the rest of the year 5/6 teams for all the cards and gifts we received at the end of last term, which were very much appreciated. I hope you have all enjoyed the holidays.

This year I will again be supported in class by Mrs Williamson. I will have PPA every other Friday and Mrs Williamson will be taking the class on those days.

We will soon be arranging a meeting for year 6 parents regarding the Isle of Wight residential, at this meeting I'll also be discussing expectations for the year ahead in relation to the end of year SATs. This term we'll be starting to cover the required material in Maths and English as well as our foundation subjects. We will be taking the summer 2017 SATs papers this week so that the children know what they are aiming for. I must stress that at this point, as I will to the children, that we have not covered any material, so I am not interested in scores - we are doing this for practice on test technique and pacing. Neither they or you should be at all concerned about how many marks they get.

Books will continue to come home regularly for you to look at, please take the opportunity to look at the tests and other work done and especially to add any comments, I know the children appreciate your interest and support.

Our standard PE days this term will be Wednesdays and Thursdays - weather permitting I hope to have at least one session outside, so it would be appreciated if you could ensure that your child has a warm hoodie or jumper plus tracksuit bottoms for these sessions. A lightweight rain jacket would also be useful. Changes to the timetable may mean we do PE on other days on occasion so the children will need to have their PE kits in school at all times.

We also intend to spend some time outside in other lessons where appropriate, so it would be great if the children came in with a coat every day, even when it is dry first thing in the morning.

As last year, we will be offering after school clubs in preparation for the SATS. The majority of these will start in January but we may start some after October half term if we feel there is a need. I will let you know nearer the time including which children are invited to which sessions, but as previously we hope to offer maths, writing and reading sessions.

As always if you have any questions, queries or concerns please contact me either by popping into school or on the email address below.

Kind regards,

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