Welcome to Year 6

Welcome back to a new year and new classroom. What an exciting time ahead, as the children enter their final year at St John’s school. They have become the pinnacle of the school and we are looking forward to seeing them all flourish as they develop their role as school leaders and take on roles of responsibility this year.   
  
**The team:**We are lucky to have a team of 6 this year working closely together across both classes.

* 6W – Mrs Woodhouse (Weds-Fri) and Mrs Legg (Mon-Tue) with Mrs Baillache supporting.   
  6M – Mrs Mackelworth (Mon-Weds) and Mrs Gillhouley (Thur-Fri) with Mrs Barnett supporting.
* In addition, Ms Bennett will also be supporting the learning in Y6 on a Wednesday so that we can run smaller focus groups across both classes.

**Secondary transition:**  
Over the coming weeks and months we anticipate that children will be visiting potential secondary schools.

* These open days are invaluable and we do recommend seeing them both during the school day and in the evenings, so that you and your child can make an informed decision about which school is most suitable for them.
* Please let us know the dates and times your child will be out of class.
* If you require any help with submitting application forms, Theresa Shrubb in the office is happy to help.

**Homework:**

* Spellings are written in planners for the following week on a Friday - the spelling practice booklets have gone home already.
* Children will be tested on a Friday. If the whole class get 10/10 then they will all be rewarded with extra break-time. Our expectation is that they will get no less than 9/10 a sthey are consolidating Year 5 spellings. If pupils do, then they will need to stay in at break-time to learn them and will sit a re-test.
* Schofield and Sims Maths books and Grammar homework will come home every Thursday – it will need to be returned by the following Tuesday.
* Once a term, there will be an opportunity during holiday time for project work based on our current topics.
* Reading – whilst the children get the opportunity for whole –class reading in school; it is still very important for them to be reading for 15 minutes daily at home. Even though they are Year 6 and can read very well independently, it is useful for them to still be heard and when appropriate to read books together – this enables them to hear texts which may be less accessible if they were reading purely on their own.

**Reading circle:**

* The children really impressed the teaching staff in Year 5 with their responses to their chosen texts. Therefore, we will be continuing this.
* Letters have already gone out so please help your child to be ready for their presentation week.
* There will be two opportunities for them to present their favourite books this year: one of which can be presented in pairs.

**PE:**

* PE is on Tuesday and Wednesday.
* Kits come home on Wednesday, please ensure they are returned back to School on Mondays.
* Any child without a kit is be able to wear a spare school kit once and a reminder call home will be made. After this, they will not be able to use the spare kit.

**Responsibilities:**

* The children have met their buddies last week and have taken the opportunity to get to know them a little better.
* This week, it will be 6W’s turn to support their buddies in the dinner hall. This will be rotated weekly between the two classes.
* The children are very excited to be given their roles of responsibility this year
* They will be announced in assembly very soon.
* Thank you to the children for their letters of application. It was a very difficult decision allocating positions of responsibility as they are such a great group of Year 6 leaders.

**Seville:**

* The trip to Seville this year will take place either side of February half term. One class will go the week before and the other will go the week after.
* If you haven’t paid your deposit yet and do wish for your child to come please do get them back ASAP or speak to the office if you require further clarification.

We are looking forward to an exciting year full of fun challenges and learning opportunities. If you have any queries or questions, please do feel free to come and discuss them with us.

Kind regards,

The Year 6 Team.