



HARTLEY BROOK
PRIMARY ACADEMY
Astrea Academy Trust
INSPIRING BEYOND MEASURE

Hartley Brook

YEAR 6 PARENTS
MEETING

Year 6 – residential and SATS

- It's a big year for your children - academically, emotionally, and socially - as they prepare for the transition to secondary school.
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How Parents Can Support

- Encourage regular reading.
- Support good routines: sleep, homework, and screen time.
- Talk openly about secondary school — listen to any worries.
- Attend school events and parents' evenings.
- Praise effort, not just results.
- A commitment from you to work with us, in all aspects of school life.
- Attend meetings – find out about your child
- Be aware of the things we are doing – topics, get involved in the learning (Dojo app/ Showcase events), know what your child can do well/needs to improve on.
- Help at home – whether it is homework, reading (3 times a week), spellings, maths, games, extra holiday learning, your child attending boosting - EVERY WEEK.

How will school support

- A commitment from us to do the very best for your child.
- Report to you each term in parents' evenings, to inform you of progress and support.
- Any concerns/issues you have we need to work together, speak with the teacher after school, or we can arrange a meeting. Alternatively, you can email the teacher or message them on DOJOs.

Attendance

- Children need to be in school every day.
- Obviously if they are ill they cannot be in school but wherever possible they need to attend, we can always call you if they are unwell and need to be collected.
- We need children to be in school on time, no one likes to walk in late when the school day has already started or be left at the end of the day when everyone else has gone home.
- We know and appreciate that emergencies do happen.

Contacting Us

Please do feel welcome to contact Y6 about any concerns you may have.

On the Yard daily after school

Emails

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Testing - SATS

- Year y6 children across the country will be taking tests based on the updated National Curriculum.
- These tests are measured in terms of a score where 100 is the pass mark and a score of 110 for those children working in greater depth.
- The tests are challenging, and we do everything we can to prepare the children as much as we can beforehand.
- This year's tests will begin on the 11th May 2026 for the week.

Tests

Taken by all Y6 pupils on the same day

- **Monday** – Grammar, punctuation and spelling test (40 mins + 15 mins)
- **Tuesday** – Reading test (1 hour)
- **Wednesday** – Arithmetic paper (30 mins)
Reasoning paper 1 (40 mins)
- **Thursday** – Reasoning paper 2 (40 mins)
- **Friday** – No tests

Test Preparation

In school

- Lessons all link to year 6 curriculum
- Booster groups
- Assessments followed by Target setting 3 x in the year
- Advice and support
- Free breakfast provided by school every morning

At home

- Regular reading/number practice
- Homework – this is sent weekly
- Practice booklets – later in the year
- Support and encourage

Transition

- Transfer of information to Secondary schools
- Y6/7 transition co-ordinator from schools to make visits
- Closing date for applying for secondary school is 31st October

Social media + Gaming



- **Social Media**

More and more children are using social media. This has led to an increase in arguments and disputes that have started over Snapchat, Instagram, Tik Tok, WhatsApp and other platforms and have then continued into school time.

- **Gaming**

Disputes are also being reported when children are gaming online.

Children become braver when they are behind a computer screen, or using a headset and will say things they wouldn't say face to face, this can lead to altercations and also cyberbullying.

If children are accessing online games or social media they should be **supervised** at all times, to ensure children are safe and to reduce the amount of online incidents.

Age 13 +



Age 16 +



Hollowford Centre Castleton

- Wednesday 5th November – Friday 7th November

Fun, enjoyment, problem solving.

New opportunities

Behaviour

Relationship building

Activities:

- High/low ropes
- Zip wire
- Caving
- Weasling

Children will be encouraged to take part in all the activities – however, if they are really struggling, we understand that.

- ALL activities are led by qualified instructors. School staff will also be with groups to supervise.

Things to bring

Packing list

- Towels – hand and bath
- Toiletries (bag) including: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, hairbrush, shampoo etc
- Night clothes
- Socks and underwear
- Four t-shirts and at least 2 long-sleeved jumpers (for certain activities)
- A couple of thick jumpers plus one light sweater
- Three pairs of trousers suitable for outdoor activities
- Clothes for the evening activities x 2
- Waterproof jacket (and trousers if you have them)
- Sturdy shoes or wellingtons
- Trainers – ideally 2 pairs in case one gets wet
- Large plastic bag for dirty clothes
- Gloves, hat, scarf
- Water bottle

Not to bring

- Mobile phones
- Expensive cameras
- Electronic devices
- Expensive jewellery
- Expensive/ favourite clothes or shoes
- Sugary snacks in bags
- Medication – Mrs Fairchild will be in touch with those who need it

Food

- Provided by Hollowford Centre
- **Breakfast** – bacon/sausage sandwich, cereal, toast, eggs
- **Lunch** – BRING PACKED LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY, then lunch is provided on Thursday.
- **Dinner/tea** – variety of meals are catered for – pizza, chicken nuggets, chips etc.



Bedrooms



Children will be allowed to share with at least 1 of their friends.

The children will be asked to write down the names of anyone they want to share with.



High rope/Zip wire



Canoeing



Weasling/Caving



Thank you for attending.
Please keep an eye on
our website and twitter
feed to be kept up to
date!

Any questions?