

Dear Parents and Carers,

A new year and what a very important one it is for your child! We are very excited to be supporting them all as they embark on their final year of their primary learning journey. As the Class Teacher, I will also need the support of adults at home. As parents and carers, it is extremely important that you support your child with their learning to ensure your child reaches their full potential.

As the eldest children in the school, we expect them to act as role models for their peers. Some of the children will take on extra responsibilities such as becoming monitors and team captains. This year, we are also on the look out for School Prefects as well as Head Boy and Head Girl! I know there are some children who are definitely ready for their new roles!

PE Days

Our PE sessions take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. On these days, children must come to school wearing their full PE kits. Tracksuits are a compulsory part of our school uniform. This also includes red shorts depending on the weather, white school PE t shirt and black trainers ONLY on PE days.

Healthy Snacks and Water Bottles

As a healthy school, children can bring in a piece of fruit or alternative healthy snack/low sugar snack to eat at playtime. Snacks such as toast, crumpets, or pancakes can be ordered via ParentPay. We also understand the importance of staying hydrated for concentration and learning, so please ensure your child brings in a filled water bottle every day. These will be kept at the side of our classroom for children to access throughout the day.

SATs

It goes without saying, that every teacher at KWPS feels passionately about your child's progress, but it is fair to say that due to the nature of the current education requirements, SATs loom particularly large in Year 6. SATs testing covers Reading, Writing, Maths, Spelling and Grammar and will be held during the week dated Monday 10th May – Thursday 13th May 2027. Please ensure that no family holidays are taken during this week.

Spellings

Spellings will be sent home every Friday, these will be a mixture of the spelling rules that we are learning in class, and common exception words. The expectation is that children will practise their spellings every evening. Your child will be tested on their spellings every Friday. You can see the spellings for the week in your child's Reading

Record. In addition to this, I will post our weekly 'WOW Words' every Monday on Class Dojo. These words will be linked to our learning that we will be doing throughout that week. Please ensure that you talk to your child about the words and that you are using them in everyday conversations.

Reading

As a school, we have a huge love for reading and we actively encourage daily reading. The expectation is that your child read's every night and you talk to your child about what they have read to encourage the development of their comprehension skills. Reading records are checked regularly throughout the week, and your child will receive Dojo points on a Friday for great reading throughout the week. Please ensure that you are signing records.

Knowledge Organisers

Knowledge Organisers are used in school to support pupils with their learning, and they will also be shared with you as parents so that you can see what your child is learning and what they are expected to know. They are a valuable tool for keeping children, teachers, and parents focused on the key knowledge. Knowledge Organisers help pupils by providing clarity in their learning, encouraging recall, developing independence, and promoting vocabulary growth. For parents, they are especially useful in reinforcing learning at home and strengthening the home-school partnership we aim to build. By using Knowledge Organisers, pupils are better able to remember and embed their learning, so it is important to discuss them regularly at home.

Contact and Communication

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via 'Class Dojo' or make an appointment to see me. Please remember that teachers set 'quiet hours' for evenings and weekends.

Thank you in advance for your support. I am looking forward to spending your child's final primary school year with them.

Kind regards,

Miss Cartmell

Rowan Class Teacher (Year 6)