



Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

Learning, growing and
caring as part of God's family

"I am the vine, and you are the branches.
If any remain in me and I remain in them,
they produce much fruit." (John 15:5)

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Dear Year 6 Parents,

A very warm welcome back to school and to Year 6. It is a real pleasure for me to have the chance to teach this wonderful class again after a short time spent with them last year, and it has been lovely to catch up with them all this week.

Year 6 is a pivotal year for the children and involves a lot of extra responsibilities and opportunities, and it is great to see them already striving to meet the high standards expected of them around school. The children appear very excited to start their new jobs and roles throughout school as of Monday, and there has been a lot of interest in the applications for this year's House, Vice and Sports Captains.

Much of the Year 6 experience is designed to help prepare the children for their transition to high school. The first of these is the introduction of their Primary Activity Logbook (PAL). In it, the children record important diary dates, keep track of their spellings, reading and any homework which is issued. Their PAL should be taken home each day and returned to school to help them develop their personal organisation.

Spellings, which will be given out on a Friday, are to be practised and tested the following Friday and will be recorded in their PALs for daily practise at home. I will also be setting regular spelling quizzes on Purple Mash for the children to complete to help them practise and revise the words learned throughout Key Stage 2.

It is really important for children to be secure with their times tables, as so much maths in Y6 is based upon them and they need to continue to be practising these regularly at home (I would recommend "Hit the Button" as an effective free website to use). Arithmetic and/or Tables Trails will be tested weekly in class.

The children will be given time to read regularly in school and should be encouraged to do so at home too. The Year 6 Recommended Reading List (stuck inside the PAL) gives lots of ideas for texts which are age appropriate. Children should aim to record their home reading at least 4 times a week in their PAL. Please could you sign your child's PAL diary on a Friday to confirm their home reading record is up to date. Please continue to support your child with their reading, particularly through discussion, even though many are now generally competent readers. Please return books borrowed from school upon completion to ensure the shelves remain full and varied.

Please ensure you send your child's PE kit into school as soon as possible if you have not already done so. It should remain in school until half term and each item should be fully labelled. PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday each week.

This year, Year 6 will take their SATs tests during the week beginning 9th May 2022 (according to current government information).





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Finally, could I remind you that children who are walking home need written parental permission to do so. If this is something you are considering for your child, you can find the permission form on the school website (<https://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/parents/current-letters>)

I am very much looking forward to working with your child during the coming term. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely,

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