



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

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Dear parents,

Welcome back to a new school year and to Year 6. We have had an excellent start to the term and we are very much looking forward to working with the class during what is an important and exciting year for them. It was great to meet so many of you at our Welcome to Year 6 meeting this week.

As we have started the new year, we have been talking about the various ways we learn and work together, and have agreed a set of "responsibilities" which will make our classroom and school a fun and happy place for everyone to learn together in. We have already been very impressed with the maturity and enthusiasm shown by the class. We are also very much looking forward to seeing the children learn more about themselves and each other during our residential at Lockerbie Manor, beginning on Monday 9th September, which promises to be an exciting, fun and tiring week for everyone.

Year 6 are beginning to take up their new jobs and responsibilities around school. These roles will change throughout the year, so they will be able to contribute to the wider life of the school in a variety of ways. In Year 6, we also encourage the children to take more responsibility for themselves and their learning, in preparation for their move to high school. You will have seen their new homework diary and it is essential that they fill this in and bring it from school every day.

Homework will be set regularly in Year 6, as part of this preparation for moving on to high school, and the children are expected to record their homework tasks in their diaries. Spellings, initially to be based on the KS2 spelling list, will be given out on a Friday to be tested the following Friday. Maths homework will be set on Mathletics each week on a Wednesday, due back the following Wednesday. 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 this regularly on Times Tables Rockstars at home. If your child has any issues with accessing a computer at home, please contact us immediately and we will arrange a time for them during the school day in order to keep up with their homework.

The children will be given time to read regularly in school and should be encouraged to do so at home too, filling in the reading record section in their homework diary at least 4 times a week. Please continue to support your child with their reading, particularly through discussion, even though many are now generally competent readers. The Year 6 Recommended Reading List, which the children were given before the Summer holidays, also gives lots of ideas for texts which are age appropriate.

Details of the curriculum we will be covering this term are attached to this letter and can also be found on the school website. PE will be on Tuesdays and Fridays this term – please make sure your child's PE kit is fully labelled and in school on these days. We will also be swimming on a Thursday until Christmas, with a focus on personal survival skills, so please ensure your child has the correct swimwear for this, and that you have filled in a goggles form from the office if they wish to wear them.

This year, Year 6 will take their SATs tests during the week beginning 11th May 2020. We will be preparing the children for these throughout the year.

We are very much looking forward to the coming term. Parents' Afternoon / Evening is planned for the beginning of December, but please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or questions in the meantime

Yours sincerely,

Miss S. Huddleston and Mrs. J. Redmayne

