



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the Year 6 children have had their KS2 SATs tests. They have done incredibly well and we couldn't have asked any more from them - they have worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of them. We aimed to keep the week as chilled and stress-free as possible and the children will be celebrating the end of SATs with an extended Golden Time this afternoon. Thanks to all the parents of the Y6 children for supporting them through the tests - you've been fantastic.

Next week, some of you may receive a letter about your child's attendance, if it has dropped below 90% (as at 8th April 2022). These letters are sent out to make you aware of the situation and to support you in making sure that your child's attendance improves. I understand that some of you have had to change holidays that you had previously booked during lockdown, or that your child may have had Covid this year, but you will still receive a letter if the attendance is below 90%. From September, we will aim for every child to achieve 97% attendance or above, throughout the year, and when the attendance slips below 95% a letter will be sent. It is crucial that your child misses as little school as possible, so that they don't slip behind in their learning. As always, we are here if you receive a letter and have any questions.

We will be looking at classes for next year very soon and deciding where to place the children. This year, the current class teachers will talk to the children about their friendship groups, instead of sending a letter home. This way, we can make sure that every child's opinion is taken into account and we will also ensure that they have at least one friend in their new class.

We also have some very happy news for you - Mrs Hamilton-Wright is pregnant! We would like to offer her our congratulations. She will be with us for the rest of this academic year and will start her maternity leave at the beginning of September.

Here are a few weekly reminders for you:

- **School Meals** - week beginning Monday 16th May will be Week 3.
- **Covid-19 Reporting** - this is now being recorded in school as any other illness, as per government direction. Use this link for the [latest guidance](#) for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including Covid-19.
- **Lost property** - if you need to check lost property, please come after school. We will no longer be allowing access before school. Lost items have more chance of getting back to their rightful owner if they are named! Please make sure you label **all** of your child's uniform, including coats and lunch boxes.
- **ParentPay** - please make sure your child's ParentPay account is **in credit** if you would like them to buy lunch or snacks from school.
- **Westbrook Old Hall Pre-loved Uniforms** - sell good quality pre-owned uniform at discounted prices. The services they provide are good on 3 levels: good for parents' purses - we cost less than new; good for the environment - less waste goes to landfill and all proceeds go to FOWOHPs - which in turn are reinvested into the school/children. They have most things in stock already. Enquiries can be made via the Facebook parent group; on the Westbrook Old Hall Pre-loved Uniforms page, or directly by phone on 07702 171953.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a fabulous weekend.

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