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Welcome to Year 6

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year, and the last year of primary school for your child. It is a year of transition, during which you will hopefully see your child develop and mature and be ready to make the leap to secondary school by July. It's a great year and we, as a team, are very much looking forward to the hard work, challenges and fun that we will have.

Year 6 is the year in which we work towards our SAT tests in May. To ensure that all children have the greatest opportunity for success, we have high expectations of the children's learning attitudes and behaviour both in and out of the classroom.

Trips and visits

On Friday 15th September, Year 6 will be attending Lifeline in Oswestry. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch for the day.

Our trip to Shrewsbury to watch Awful Auntie at the theatre is on Wednesday 18th October. Payment and permission is to be given via Parent Pay.

We are very exciting to be going to Arthog on 4th December. We will send out more information after half term and a date for a parent meeting.

Our Topic

This half term, our topic is called **Snippets in Time**. We are focusing on how to research and check sources of information, as well as how to present findings for different audiences. Children will have the opportunity to lead their own learning, researching a point in time they have a particular interest in, creating their own project.

Swimming and PE

PE for Year 6 is on Friday, with swimming on a Thursday. All children who are able to be in school are expected to participate in both PE and swimming.

Therefore, all children need to have appropriate kit and understand that we have a no jewellery policy.



Homework

Homework will be set on Fridays in the homework books. This will consist of spelling, grammar and maths. Work will usually be related to the learning that week. We also use Mathletics and Timestables Rockstars, which is a great resource to help children do well in their weekly times tables tests. We expect children to read regularly and to show understanding of what they have read.

Water Bottles

Children are allowed to have water bottles in class as it is good for them to keep hydrated throughout the day. However, they should only contain water: no juice please!

Class Dojo & Parent Pay

Communication will be sent out through Parent Pay. It is important that this is checked regularly. We are also continuing to use Class Dojo this year as a means of celebrating the children's successes. Class Dojo can be used to contact teachers if there are messages that need to be passed on. We do encourage the children to be more independent now that they are in Year 6, therefore they will be taking responsibility for passing messages to and from school as well.



We look forward to working with you to ensure a successful year for your child

Yours sincerely

The year 6 teaching team

Mrs Schwarz and Mrs Gathercole.

