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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you and your family have had time to relax over the summer break and are now ready to begin yet another year. So, your child has now entered Year 6 and has hopefully settled back into school life well, ready for their final year with us at Holy Souls! I know for some of you who have older children who have experienced Year 6 will most likely remember the ins and outs of Year 6 life but for those of you who are experiencing Year 6 with your child for the first time may feel lot of uncertainties and worries, particularly with the SATs exams and the preparation of secondary school. I hope the information below will be of use to you all and answer any questions that you may have.

School starting and finishing times for Year 6.

This year the doors will be open from 8.40am with registration taking place at 8.45am. Year 6 children will be entering and leaving the building at the KS2 ramp across from the tyre park. Please ensure your child arrives during this window to avoid being marked in as late. School will close for all classes at 3.15pm.

Being in Upper KS2, parents may choose for their child to leave the school premises independently if this is their home time arrangement. To keep our children safe, please could you remind your child to return to school immediately if there is a delay or problem for the adult who is picking them up. If this is the case, please let school know as soon as possible.

What needs to be brought into school each day?

- Water bottle
- Reading book and reading record
- Children can bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break times
- Coat (weather depending)

Curriculum

Please look at our timetable to see where and when subjects are taking place. Please also take a look at our curriculum overview and our knowledge organisers to learn more of the content of our lessons. They can all be found via the children, class pages section on the school website.

In addition to our morning English and Maths lessons, we will also be focusing on these skills throughout the week. To aid our children with their arithmetic understanding, we will have an arithmetic focus each week which will reinforce the learning from our 4 A DAY. TT Rock Stars competitions will also take place in class on a regular basis, where the child's progress and improvement are the focus. To aid their understanding with English skills, we will have a grammar, punctuation or spelling lessons regularly in the afternoons and look at how they can apply these skills in their writing with two 'big writes' being completed for each half-term in English lessons.

Reading

Reading plays a vital role for every part of the curriculum. Because of this, we are promoting reading for pleasure through our 'Hooked on Reading' display in class. The idea is to read every day at home for 15/20 minutes and having a parent sign their reading records once complete. Once we have collected reading records and seen a new signature, your child will move their key ring up the five levels of bands. If your child reaches the fifth band by every Friday, your child will be given a raffle ticket. This raffle ticket will be placed into a box which will be drawn at the end of each term for prizes and gift vouchers; the more raffle tickets your child receives, the more chance they will have of winning! Each time your child has

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read at home, and has their reading record signed, allows your child to move their key ring up the bands. Please do encourage your child to complete as much as reading as possible. Although there is an incentive with this reading challenge, it will really have a positive impact on their reading ability.

PE will be on Wednesday and Friday for the Autumn 1 term. Please could you make sure that your child comes to school in their full PE kit on this day. Along with wearing their PE kits, children are welcome to wear black jogging bottoms, black leggings or black shorts along with their school jumper or cardigan. Pumps will not be suitable to wear outdoors so please send your children in trainers. Gymnastics and Dance are the only units of PE that will be complete indoors unless the weather is too wet to conduct outside. Please can you also ensure that your child is not wearing earrings as they will not be prohibited to take part in PE lessons if they do due to health and safety.

SATs

As you all probably know, Year 6 is the year where the children will sit the statutory exams set by the government known as the SATs. This year, the SATs exams will be taking place in summer term 2026, w/c 11th May. These exams are not just testing the children on Year 6 content but the whole of KS2, so knowledge and skills learnt from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. For SATs the children will complete the following: A Maths arithmetic test, two Maths reasoning tests, a Grammar and Punctuation test, a Reading test and a Spelling test.

Homework

Due to the preparation of the SATs, and to prepare the children for the demands presented at secondary school, homework will be more regular this year. I fully understand that your child may have other commitments during the week which may make it difficult to complete all the homework on time, however I would be very grateful if you could support your child with their homework as much as possible and if there is an issue in completing homework on time, then please let me know by contacting the school office.

The children will receive four pieces of homework each week (reading for pleasure and spellings initially for the first few weeks and then Reading comprehension and Maths after the first few weeks back at school) with some grammar and punctuation focused work but this won't be every week. To help manage the amount of homework, the children will receive all pieces of homework on a Monday so they can complete it as and when they can throughout the week. Homework is due in on the Friday (apart from spellings which is due on Thursdays). The children will be tested on the spelling patterns each week on a Friday.

I hope this information is of use to you. If you need a quick word or should there be any issues that you wish to discuss in more detail, then do please contact me via the office or speak with me at the end of the day by the Year 4/5/6 ramp. Please may I assure you that I will do my best to ensure that your child is fully supported and guided throughout their learning in Year 6 and has a happy and successful year. Please do not hesitate if I can assist with anything further.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 6 Class Teacher



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