Please find enclosed information about Year 6.

**Year 6**

**Teaching Staff**

Miss Swindells, Miss Page, Mrs Whitehead and Mr Campen will be teaching their respective classes each day, except Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Solway will be our Teaching Assistant for this year, working with a group of children at a time to ensure essential progress is achieved. As last year, the class will have French lessons taught by Madame Taylor and games lessons taught by a sports coach. These will be on Wednesday afternoons.

**Curriculum**

As you may be aware, a new Primary National Curriculum was introduced a few years ago. School has ‘bought into’ a number of different resources and schemes of work and we will be using these alongside our own school planning, as and when appropriate, to ensure children have a broad and balanced curriculum.

Assessments are on-going throughout the year and will encompass a mixture of teacher assessment and more formal assessments. Details of assessments will be available during parents’ evenings and will also be detailed on children’s end of year reports.

**Homework**
Homework for Year 4 will be given out on a Friday, to be handed in the following Wednesday. English homework is usually an extension or consolidation of work that has been done in class. Children are to complete their English homework in their Homework Book and maths homework in their white ‘CGP’ book, which needs to be handed in every Wednesday.

Also for Homework, children will be given the standard weekly spellings and times tables’ homework, alongside a piece of English.

Please feel free to comment in your child’s Reading Record/ Homework Book on how your child has found the homework task.

 **Reading**

It is essential that children bring their reading books to school each day. The Class Teacher will listen to your child read within a guided reading session each week. Children will also have the opportunity to change their individual reading books throughout the week.

Please support your child by encouraging them to read daily, for a minimum of 15 minutes, and signing their Reading Record on a weekly basis. Even at this stage it is extremely helpful and beneficial if you encourage discussion about the plot, characters and what may happen in the story.

**Seating Arrangements**

Children will have specific places for English, maths and ‘home’.

The group places the children will work in will be continually monitored using on-going assessments. Changes will be made if the Class Teacher feels a child would benefit from doing so. If you are worried, we will be happy to discuss your concerns.

**Swimming**

Children will participate in weekly swimming lessons until Christmas, these will occur on Thursdays. It is essential that children remember their swimming kit for their swimming lesson, otherwise they will not be able to partake. If your child is unable to swim due to illness, please send a letter addressed to their Class Teacher.

**Year 4 Events this Term**

* 21st September - Meet the Teacher – 5:45 or 6:30pm
* 22nd September – INSET day
* 28th September - School council elections
* 6th October – Harvest Festival
* 2nd November – Y4SW/PC Class Assembly
* 8th and 9th November – Parents Evenings’
* 17th November – Children in Need
* 2nd December – Christmas Fair (Infant site)

 Please check the School website regularly for information about School events.

**PE and Games**

Outdoor PE kit is required on Wednesdays.

Indoor PE kit should be in school at all times as this may be required for other purposes.

Please ensure your child has the correct kit:

Navy blue shorts

Navy blue jogging pants

White t-shirt

Navy blue sweatshirt or jumper- **no hoods or logos**

Trainers

Waterproof coat

All kit should be clearly named. Kits will be kept in school at all times and will be sent home at the end of each half term.

**Home/School Agreement**

Please return this to school once you have read and signed it.

**Communication with School**

Information will be sent home via e-mail, text, Class Dojo and/or letter. We may also use your child’s Reading Record to communicate personally with you, so please check these regularly. If you want to speak to your child’s Class Teacher personally or need to discuss a matter at length then please send a letter or Class Dojo to request an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

**Website**

Lots of extra information will soon be available on the website, including details of the curriculum and the topics being covered in each term. Please do visit the website regularly as it contains information including school policies such as the behaviour policy, holiday dates and lots of other useful information.

We look forward to a wonderful year, and we will do our best, in partnership with you, to stimulate, stretch and educate your child!

*Miss Swindells, Miss Page, Mrs Whitehead, Mr Campen and Mrs Solway.*