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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 pupils,

We are at that horrible time of year again with SAT tests next week - the week seems to come faster and faster each year. Year 6 pupils have been working hard to enable them to all share their best next week and therefore be proud of themselves.

Can I ask that you try to get your child to eat breakfast each and every day next week before they arrive in school. During the break and between test papers they can have their normal snack but also there will be a banana available for every pupil should they want one. Tests start pretty promptly after the start of the day and so to settle your child in school please ensure that they are here on time.

Staffing and classroom routines for next week will stay in place - as much as possible when working around the papers to also settle your child. The week will whizz past and next weekend they can chill out!

Miss Selby will continue to support the class next week but it will be her last week here at the school. She has stayed until the pupils completed their tests, when I know that she wanted to be off travelling again. Therefore, a huge thanks must go to her for her commitment to the children.

With regards to the Year 6 residential, I shared at our meeting a few weeks ago that I would update you further as Mr Harding was no longer available to attend. I will be with the group on the Monday and Monday night and then am pleased to say that one of the male Governors, Mr Riddell, will be attending with the group from Tuesday morning until Friday afternoon. I'm sure that he knows what he has let himself in for but am very grateful for his support.

I haven't received any further questions or contact with regards to the residential, but if you think of anything then please do email/ring the school office or catch me on the playground with regards to this.

The children are rightly getting excited about their week away; it's a chance for lifelong memories to be formed with their friends, as well as a vital step of being away from home and being independent before moving to their secondary school. For the staff that attend it's great to be able to work with the children that we have been with in school in another environment, as you often get to know the children even better and find out new things about them. For the adults though this is an exhausting week; I'm not going to hide that!

The children will be sharing a short session about this trip on the first Friday back at 2pm - Friday 3rd June. I'm sure you will have heard all their news over the half term but it'll be great to hear the views of others!

In term 6, the learning won't stop as there is still more to be completed. There will be lots of days out of school where the pupils will be in their secondary placements. During this term, we only have a few days where we have the whole class together as a result of this. In those precious moments, we also have to put a production together. This will be supported by Mrs Tolliday and a TA on Monday and Tuesday. Year 6 will have Forest school on the Wednesday and Mrs Mitchell will be the lead on Thursday and Friday as she is now.

I honestly can't believe we are at this point of the school year already, but we are! The children have been a great Year 6 so far - let's hope that continues next week so that they can fully appreciate and enjoy their week away together.

Kind regards

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