

## School Visits and Activities

During the coming year a number of visits and activities are planned. These will supplement the Year 6 curriculum. Year 6 tend to avoid expenses in light of the High Adventure trip. Visits to local schools for sporting and community events are also organised. Some visits may require a voluntary parental contribution. Where possible these visits are subsidised in order to reduce the burden on parents. However if insufficient contributions are received we reserve the right to cancel the event.

**Swimming** – Children in Year 6 will begin swimming lessons for the summer term. We will inform you of the details of this closer to the time.

**High Adventure** – During the summer term, Year 6 will spend an amazing week in Yorkshire. Whilst away for the 4 nights, the children will take part in orienteering, canoeing, abseiling, caving and many more outdoor adventure activities. We hope that from this experience the pupils are given the opportunity to meet objectives in the curriculum that we cannot offer onsite back at Templewood.

**LEGOLAND-** In July, once all assessments and the majority of the 'work' has been completed, the Year 6 pupils will have a 'goodbye' trip to LEGOLAND; this is simply a chance to celebrate their hard work from the year and enjoy some precious time with

their classmates before going their separate ways in September.

## Letters forms and monies

Absence notes, permission slips and money can be placed in the box by the office or the children can put them in the class box during registration. These should come in a named envelope with the purpose and amount clearly marked. All absences must be accompanied by a note, even if we have already been notified in person or by telephone. Please send absence notes in on the first day back at school. An absence form is available from the office if you prefer.

## Holiday tasks

The summer holiday should be a time of relaxation and fun – however some children find it extremely difficult to settle back into a school routine and this means their learning and that of their peers can be disrupted. We suggest that you still find time for regular reading, accessing Mathletics and maybe a SMALL amount of revision from Year 5 (times tables would be great).

## Any Questions

If you have any questions please feel free to discuss these with your child's class teacher.

We look forward to working with you next year.

Miss Z Shaw



# Welcome to Year 6

## Information for pupils and parents

## Welcome to Year 6.

This is a vital year for our students; it is their final year at primary school. The children will begin preparations for their transition into secondary school shortly after Christmas. It is crucial that our Year 6 pupils are independent learners. They will be expected to complete their learning log/homework tasks independently and may on occasions have additional short tasks to complete on top of the regular three per week. The children will need to have their HSLB's in everyday in case we need to pass on information or ask for resources- this will only help prepare our students for life at secondary school!

All pupils in Year 6 are expected to be role models throughout the school day. Showing their younger peers how to walk sensibly around the school, model politeness and an enthusiasm towards school life and learning.

## Responsibilities

The children are responsible for keeping the classroom tidy; putting away learning resources and their equipment. Year 6 have additional responsibilities around the school, such as delivering registers, running the school shop and monitoring the play equipment. The children will be asked to volunteer for these positions.

## How you can help

### Equipment they need:

Please provide your child with the following NAMED items:

- A water bottle with sports cap (water only)
- A bag for carrying books to and from school which must be brought in every day. Along with their home school link books, reading books, learning logs (On Tuesdays) and spelling books.
- A PE bag

### NAMED P.E. kit:

- School PE shirt and **black** shorts with **black** tracksuit bottoms for colder weather. (Girls may wear black leggings or tracksuit bottoms for modesty throughout the year.)
- Trainers for outdoor games

At no time should any earrings other than simple studs be worn in school; hooped or dangly earrings are unsafe in the school environment.

For your own convenience, PE kit should be brought in at the beginning of term and taken home only at half term and the end of term.

## Supporting your child's learning at home

### Every day:

Please continue to listen to your child read. Encourage them to:

- Engage in a reading book
- Check their home school link book
- Give you any letters independently
- Complete their homework independently.
- Discuss their learning with you
- To get to school by 8.50am.
- Practise their spellings at least 3 times a week.

### Every Week:

Spellings will be handed out on Mondays and need to be returned on Fridays. Learning Logs will be handed out on Thursdays and must be handed in on the following Tuesday. Learning Logs that are not returned on this day **may not be able to be marked**. As well as this, mental maths homework will be handed out on Wednesday and we will mark these as a class on Friday. If your child is unable to complete their homework due to illness or other social commitments then please write a note in your child's HSLB explaining this. If your child is unable to complete their learning log at home then there is also learning Log club after school on a Thursday evening.