



Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope that you enjoyed the summer break. Year 6 is a busy, exciting and important year for your child, and one that will be fulfilling, rewarding and lots of fun. This letter should give you a good overview of the Autumn term. Of course, some things may be subject to change and we will inform you if this is the case.

Year 6 Welcome Meeting- Monday 16th September at 8:40 in 6M.

- Our topic this term is **World War 2 in Islington**. Please see the topic web and knowledge organiser attached with this letter for more information. We encourage the children to study the knowledge organiser at home before we begin our topic so that they can learn some key information which will aid their understanding in class.

- **PE and Dance lessons**

PE lessons for Year 6 will be on either Mondays or Fridays. In order to encourage the children to be as active as possible on their return to school, the daily mile will be part of our weekly routine. Therefore, please could children come to school everyday in clothing and footwear that will allow them to be active.

Dance with Daisy will take place on a Friday. For each class this will only apply for 1 half term per term. 6M will have dance for the first half term, starting next week. 6D will have dance for the second half term.

- **Weekly Parent Times**

These are times when you can talk to us. As usual, if you are unable to make these times then please contact the office and we can arrange another, mutually convenient time to speak.

Our weekly parent times are as follows:

6M Monday 3.45 – 4.15 p.m.

6D Monday 3.45 – 4.15 p.m.

Parents' Evening will take place this term and we will be in touch with details in due course.

- **School Journey to PGL and other visits**

We are really looking forward to our school journey. This will take place **the week beginning 4th November**. More information will be given to you in the next few weeks.

- **Our Family Biography Exhibition** will take place on **Wednesday the 4th December at 2.15pm** in the **top hall**. In place of an assembly, this will be an exhibition and presentation based on the children's family biographies. This term, the children will be working hard to produce a biography of a family member and this exhibition will give them the opportunity to present their projects and field questions from other children and adults, as well as showcasing the work they have been doing in music and dance.

- **Homework**

In Year 6, we start to prepare the children for secondary school by giving them two pieces of homework a week.

Spelling homework will be given out on **Tuesday**. We will send home a list of spellings for the children to learn which will then be tested in a dictation on **Friday**. In addition, the children will also be assigned a number of games on Spelling Shed which they should complete by Friday. We will be able to monitor the children's progress on these games through our teacher accounts.

An additional homework, based on an aspect of the children's learning during the week, will be set on **Friday** to be completed by **Tuesday**. We will be using the website 'SATs Boot Camp' to set this homework on the children's logins. We have been using this for several years and have found it to be very effective in helping the children retain what we have covered during the week. Each week they will be assigned 1 or 2 revision activities and will then complete an online quiz. We will monitor how the children have done each week through our teacher accounts. Alternatively, we may also choose to set work or projects on the Year 6 Google Classroom page.

If your child will have difficulties accessing work online please let us know and we will find alternative provision.

- **Medicines**

If your child requires medication which is usually kept in school (inhalers, EpiPens etc.) please can you ensure that two sets are sent in to school at the beginning of term. We are required to store one in the classroom and one in the medical room at all times.

On a final note, as you know, Year 6 is a vital year for children's education. When you arrange your secondary school visits please inform the office in writing to enable us to plan our curriculum time to most benefit the children.

Best wishes,

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