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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to Year 6,

I do hope you have enjoyed the half-term break. I am very much looking forward to sharing an exciting term of learning with the children. There are no changes to the structure of the school week, but this key information is shared below just in case.

Staff

Miss Clanchy will teach Year 6 every day, except for the following lessons:

On Monday mornings, **Mrs Halcrow** will administer the weekly Arithmetic Test and teach Science and Outdoor PE.

On Thursday afternoons, Miss Cagney will teach RE (while Miss Clanchy teaches Year 5 Brass).

Mrs Johnson will work with Year 6 in our maths lessons, and help us with our spellings, reading and arithmetic on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Start of day and end of day dismissal

At the start of the day: Gates open at 8.40am and all children are expected in class by 8.50am for registration.

At the end of the day: Gates open at 3.10pm. Children in Reception class should be picked up at 3.15pm and children in all other years are expected to be picked up promptly at the end of the school day at 3.20pm. If children are not picked up at 3.20pm, they will be taken to After School Club, where there may be a charge.

Years 5 & 6: A permission slip can be signed to allow children walk to and from school alone. Forms are available here: Useful Information | St Andrew's Church of England Primary School (st-andrews-pri.oxon.sch.uk) **Please note that a new permission form needs to be completed for Year 6, even if your child had one for Year 5.**

Key Dates for the Term

- Tuesday 3rd November – Science trip to Natural History Museum with Mrs Halcrow
- Friday 7th November – Festival of Faith
- Tuesday 10th November – Junior Citizens Trip
- Friday 13th November – Individual school photos
- Monday 16th November – Anti-Bullying Day
- Tuesday 17th November and Tuesday 24th November pm – Geography fieldwork around Headington
- Friday 20th November – Children in Need (wear spots, £1 donation)
- Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th November – Assessment Week
- Thursday 26th November – Non-uniform day for a tombola item for the Winter Fair
- Thursday 26th November – Book Look (8.40-9.00am)
- Friday 27th November – INSET day, school closed to children
- Friday 4th December – SASA Winter Fair (3.20 – 5.30pm) (Y6 run stalls 3.20-4.30/5pm)
- Tuesday 8th December – Christmas Service at St Andrew's Church
- Tuesday 15th December – Years R, 1 & 2to Pegasus and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Oxford Playhouse for Christmas performance (approx. £14)
- Wednesday 17th December – Years R, 1 & 2 Christmas dinner day (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 bring packed lunch)
- Thursday 18th December – Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas dinner day (Years R, 1 & 2 bring packed lunch)

- Friday 18th December – End of term - School Finishes at 1.30pm

Important information

Equipment and Stationery

As a school, we will provide exercise books, stationery and other specific subject equipment. Your child does not need to bring anything to school and is discouraged from doing so, as it can be lost or broken, which causes upset.

Lunchtimes

Children will have a lunchtime play between 12.00 – 1.00 and they will sit down to eat in the canteen for 20 minutes during this time.

Children need to bring a packed lunch or order a school lunch daily. We encourage all children to take up this cooked, nutritious meal in the school day. The lunch options are found on the menu tab on the home page of the website: St Andrew's Church of England Primary School, Oxford - Home (st-andrews-pri.oxon.sch.uk)

PE

Year 6 has PE on Monday mornings (outdoor – taught by Mrs Halcrow) and Thursday afternoons (indoor – taught by Miss Clanchy). Children are expected to have the appropriate PE uniform (see list above) in school. On a Monday, PE will take place between break and lunch. Year 6 will change for PE and change back into school uniform before lunch. PE will take place outside unless the rain is really heavy – please ensure your child has a light waterproof for such occasions. On a Thursday, PE is the last lesson of the day. Children in Year 6 will change for PE after lunch and walk home in their PE kits, taking home their school uniform.

Library

Year 6 have their library session on Mondays with Mrs Magill. In addition, all children can change their library books during the lunch hour (Mon-Thurs). Children are expected to take care of the books they bring home from school and borrow from the library. If books go missing or are damaged, the librarian (Mrs Mary Magill) will send a letter home with the book title. If the book cannot be found, the cost of replacing the book can be paid to the school office.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and is expected to be completed by the following Thursday.

Homework comprises of:

- daily reading
- daily Doodle Maths
- two Doodle Maths assignments linked to the week's learning
- one assignment on spag.com
- spellings (set on spellingframe.co.uk and also up on Class Dojo)

Communication

If you have an urgent message regarding your child or need to report any absence or medical / school visit appointments, please email the school office. If you have a non-urgent message, please use Class Dojo and I will endeavour to reply within 48 working hours.

Kind regards,

Miss Clanchy, Mrs Halcrow and Mrs Johnson