

Wendover Church of England Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to another year at Wendover CE Junior School! As Year Leader, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child into Year 6. We have already had a busy start to the year with baseline assessments and secondary transfer tests. We are looking forward to our first two educational visits this week to the Waterside Theatre and RAF Halton.

This letter has been created to give you some key information regarding routines, dates and events that will be taking place this year.

The Staff

In Year 6, the class teachers are Miss Davidson (6W), Mr Blaker (6J) and Miss Graham (6S). In class, the children will be assisted by Mrs S Williams, Mrs B Williams and Mrs Smith.

Expectations

I am sure you will agree that having high expectations for every child is important. As the children are now the oldest in the school, we place a much greater emphasis on behaviour, independence, maturity and organisation, and ask that the Year 6 children are excellent role models for the rest of the school. Children will be recognised for conscientious behaviour through roles of responsibility such as: Prefects, House Captains, Sports Leaders, Peer Mentors, Worship Leaders, Play Leaders and Junior Road Safety Officers amongst others. Many of these roles prove to be very popular in Year 6 and any child who does not get the role they initially applied for will be given the opportunity to try for a different one.

Uniform expectations

We will continue to remind children of the uniform expectations to ensure they are good role models for their younger peers. Children are responsible for wearing their uniform correctly. This includes: skirts of an appropriate length, longer hair being tied up in a plain hairband, nail varnish removed and jewellery kept to minimum (watch and removable earrings only).

Extended Learning

In Year 6, children will be given reading comprehension, grammar, spelling and maths extended learning each week. Grammar and spelling will be handed out a Monday; comprehension and maths on a Wednesday. All work should be returned to their class teacher by the following Monday.

By setting extended learning, we aim to develop independence and organisational skills. We encourage children to complete tasks to the best of their ability and seek help from staff if support is needed. In addition, we would expect children to do some reading on a regular basis. We believe it is still a positive and beneficial exercise for children to read aloud to parents/grandparents/older brothers and sisters at home. Even at this stage, it is extremely helpful if you encourage discussion about the plot, characters and what may happen in the story.

Respect

Reflection

Responsibility

Resilience

PE

PE kit should be kept in school at all times. Scheduled PE sessions will be on a Wednesday and Thursday but these can be subject to change, or indeed additional sessions may take place.

Important dates in Year 6

17 September	E-safety workshop at Waterside Theatre
20 September	RAF Halton STEM trip
27 September	Meet the Teacher, 3.30-5pm
12 October	STT qualification day
7 November	6W and ½ 6J Hazard Alley
9 November	6S and ½ 6J Hazard Alley
15 November	6W class assembly
22 November	6J class assembly
29 November	6S class assembly
13-16 May	SATs week
10-14 June	Residential trip to In2Action Gaveston Hall (letter to follow soon)

We are looking forward to the busy year ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher if you have any queries or concerns. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you at the 'meet the teacher' event next week.

Yours sincerely

JEMMA DAVIDSON

Year 6 Leader