

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I am really excited to have your child in my class this year – their last at St. Andrews. Whilst this might seem like a daunting prospect for some, by July they will be more than ready to move on to secondary and will leave with many wonderful memories and long lasting friendships. We have a very experienced team consisting of Mrs Dudley, Ms Dann, Ms Malein and Mrs King who will work with your children in and out of class. The end of Year statutory tests are a focus but will not detract from our classroom being a place of exploration, creativity, and growth. Together, we will embark on a journey of discovery, encouraging each child to reach their full potential – spiritually, emotionally and academically.

There will be a focus to develop strong foundational skills in Reading, Writing, and Maths, whilst nurturing a love for History, Science, Art, and Physical Education. Our topic this term, Small Steps For Mankind, offers a balanced and enriching curriculum that caters to the diverse needs and interests of all children. Through the study of Ancient Benin, Space Exploration and the book Holes, we will be looking to answer the question: What can we learn from the past to guide our future?

I believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for the success of the children, so please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Important Information:

* If your child has an asthma pump, please send it in with a spacer and the nurse's asthma action plan that would have been written specifically for your child.

New School Hours: 8.45 – 3.15 (Children arriving later than 8.55 will be marked down as a late).

Year 6 Autumn Assembly: 9.10 am on 23rd October

Year 6 Parents Consultations: 14th & 16th October

Year 6 SATs: Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May

Year 6 Residential: Wednesday 11th June – Friday 13th June (return by 3.30pm)

Uniform

Children should come to school in full uniform (including black leather/leather effect shoes) every day. P.E. kit should be brought in on Monday and left in school to be taken back for the weekend. Kits should consist of navy blue shorts, white t-shirt & black plimsoles or trainers. Tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts may be worn outside

when the weather is cold but must be in St Andrew's colours. Please ensure that all of your child's belongings have clear name labels.

Routines:

Homework will be given on a Friday with the expectation that it is completed by the following Wednesday. Homework will involve daily reading, weekly spellings and a maths task.

Should your child need help, I will run a homework club every Monday lunchtime. There will not be the time to complete all the homework, but an opportunity to ask questions and seek further guidance.

Spelling and arithmetic tests will take place every Wednesday in their orange homework books so you can see how well your child is doing.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year filled with learning, laughter, and memorable moments. Together, we will make this school year a successful and enjoyable experience for all.

Warm regards,

Mr. Line & the Year 6 Team