



September 2018

Dear parent/carer

We are delighted to welcome your children back to school and hope that you have had a restful summer break.

This year, the Year 6 team comprises:

6AP – Mr Phelan and Mrs Forbes

6WT – Mrs Winfrow (Monday, Tuesday, Friday) and Mrs Tebby (Wednesday and Thursday)

6BT – Mrs Briscoe (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Thomson (Thursday and Friday)

We also have three Teaching Assistants, Mrs Gilchrist, Mrs Sharpin and Mrs Wardle, working with us.

Throughout the year, we will be working very hard and expecting great things from our pupils. High standards are set in all areas especially behaviour, academic work, effort and appearance, with consideration for others being a key element in our Church of England School. We want every child to develop and maintain a high self-esteem. School uniform is an important aspect of gaining this sense of pride and we do ask parents to ensure that all pupils are correctly attired for school, with long hair tied back.

During the year, children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working independently and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking them to explain their work, perhaps to you.

In Geography, we'll be:

- Investigating the impact of erosion and weathering.
- Explaining how coastal features are formed.
- Describing the physical changes of the Earth and predicting future developments.
- Finding out more about trade and economics around the world.

In Art, we'll be:

- Researching Georgia O'Keeffe.
- Improving skills using water colours.

In Technology, we'll be:

- Exploring free standing structures and explaining what gives them strength, reinforcement and stability.
- Selecting from a wide range of tools and applying appropriate joining techniques.
- Designing and building a simple bridge.

If your child has research to undertake, we ask you to please support them. It is important your child can read, understand and extract the relevant parts, rather than printing information directly from the internet. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it, but your enthusiasm and interest is most important.

Whilst academic success is important and will be measured, we would like to emphasise the value of each child's individual effort and resilience, both at home and at school. Year 6 gives pupils a vast wealth of opportunities beyond the curriculum and pupils are encouraged to take full advantage of this. We would appreciate your support.

Furthermore, to enhance communication between school and home, we would appreciate that you continue to listen to your child read regularly, record this in their contact book and sign it at the end of every week. Every week, your child will receive Maths and English homework alongside 5 spelling words.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us either at the end of the day, through the office or via your child's contact book.

We look forward to meeting you at our 'Meet the teacher evening' on Monday 10 September at 7.30pm for a brief presentation, followed by an opportunity to ask questions and meet each other.

Yours sincerely

Mr Phelan & Mrs Forbes (6AP)
Mrs Winfrow & Mrs Tebby (6WT)
Mrs Briscoe & Mrs Thomson (6BT)