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Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

WELCOME TO YEAR SIX!

I hope your child has enjoyed the start of Year 6 and is looking forwards to the challenging yet enjoyable year ahead! It has been difficult over the past six months of the pandemic but I am very impressed with the way they have fitted back in to school life.

It is an important year for your child as it is their final one at St Clement Danes. We will be working hard building on the progress that was made in Year 5 and I am confident that we will soon be celebrating many successes and further achievement.

Topic Work

This term we are studying electricity and light as part of science. We will also be linking with this through Malorie Blackman's Robot Girl in English, electricity related games in PE and through reading gauges and measuring equipment in Maths.

Homework

Most homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in the following Tuesday. As well as this the children will be given some extended topic homework which will require more time to be spent on it. Homework will be set at your child's level so should be achievable, however if your child is experiencing difficulty after giving it a try then please let me know.

Spellings will be set on Fridays and your child will have a spelling test and mental maths test on the Friday morning of the following week.

Your child has been given a new reading journal. Please encourage them to complete a minimum of 20 minutes reading each day and listen to them read on a regular basis. They need to use the Bloom's questions and you will notice that they have much more space to write! I hope the larger book will encourage them to write about their reading more and also to keep the book as something to be really proud of. Reading journals should be kept in your child's school bag so that it can be checked regularly.

SATs

Many of you may have questions about SATs. Please try not to worry about the tests which are due to take place in May 2021. We will be discussing your child's progress and targets with you during parents' meetings at the end of September.

PE

Outdoor PE will take place on Wednesday afternoons; Indoor PE will take place on Friday afternoons.

Letters

Please ask your child each day if they have any letters and if any need returning please return them promptly, this is especially important for trip letters as if written permission is not received your child will not be permitted to go on the trip.

Uniform

Year 6 are looking very smart at the moment but please do continue to ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform, including the tie and blazer every day. You can see the full uniform policy on the school website.

Travelling to and from school

Year 6 children are allowed to travel home alone after the February half term, if parents have given their permission in writing to the school. This allows parents and teachers more opportunity to see each other while the children are settling into Year 6 at the start of the year, and it means that children are not walking home alone in the darkest months of the year.

For the time being, in the mornings, we ask that children are brought to school accompanied by their adult, in case the child presents any Coronavirus symptoms on arrival.

If you'd like to discuss this further, do feel free to contact Miss Coxhead via the school office.

Mobile Phones

No mobile phones are allowed in school until after February half term. After February half term, mobile phones are allowed (locked away safely during the school day), if you decide to give permission for your child to travel home from school alone.

Sayers Croft

As you will understand, the Year 6 residential trip to Sayers Croft in the Surrey countryside is not possible at this current time. We are in regular communication with Sayers Croft and will do our best to make a visit possible for Year 6 later in the school year. We will let you know more as soon as we can.

Finally, I would like to say that I am delighted to be working with your child again this year and value any contact that I have with you. Feel free to talk to me in the playground, at the end of the day or while you are lining up in Drury Lane before school.

Yours sincerely,
Ms Catherine Harney
Year 6 Class Teacher