



Dear Parents,

Welcome to St Francis class!

I wish you a very warm welcome to St Francis' class. I am very much looking forward to welcoming and working with yourselves and the children during their last year in primary school. Year 6 is a fantastic year filled with new, exciting experiences that the children will absolutely love. Our curriculum is packed with a range of engaging topics and we have lots of upcoming trips to support the children's learning. After all their hard work preparing for the end of Key Stage Two SATs, a highlight of the year is our annual residential trip to PGL, Liddington which takes place later on in the summer term. Year 6 really is an opportunity for your child to make the most of their primary school experience and, although there is a lot of hard work ahead, we very much encourage the children to strive to encompass the 6C's and become role models as an ambassador of Corpus Christi.

Uniform

Please do ensure that your child attends school in full uniform, which is available from PMG School wear in Chessington. A reminder, no high fashion haircuts and no earrings please. Your child must also wear their full P.E. kit to school on their P.E days. PE day for Year 6 is on a **Friday**.

Please ensure that all uniform is labelled clearly so that if items are lost they can be returned to the child promptly.

Equipment

In Year 6, the children are encouraged to take an independent role when organising themselves for school. We appreciate your support with this by ensuring children are fully equipped with the following:

- **A pencil case equipped with the following items that needs to be replenished every half term:**
 - A blue pen (Frixion pens are preferable but not essential)
 - Writing pencils – HB lead
 - Sharpener
 - Eraser
 - 30cm ruler
 - Glue stick
 - Colouring pencils
 - Whiteboard pen and board rubber

In addition please can your child also be provided with the following:

- A named water bottle
- If required, named snack/lunch boxes

Attendance/Walking Home Policy

School starts promptly at 8:45 and finishes at 15.20. Your child's regular and prompt attendance at school is crucial to his/her success. In order to prepare the children for their lessons, morning work is set from 8.45am. If children are not prompt, they miss out on such learning opportunities. Regular and punctual attendance at school is **crucial**, and it is important that your child does not take holidays during school term time.

In Year 6, the children have the opportunity to walk home from school by themselves. They are dismissed from the school gate by Nursery at 15.20. The children will only be allowed to walk home once we have received a signed permission slip stating which days specifically they are allowed to do so. Please sign the attached form when you feel your child is ready for that responsibility. If you would prefer to collect your child, you are very welcome to do so.

Mobile Phones

Due to walking home, the children are allowed to bring in a mobile phone to school. At school, the children **MUST** hand their phones into the classroom box which is then stored securely. All phones must be switched off during the daytime and they are not allowed to access them until returned to the children at dismissal.

We discourage the use of any social media for our Year 6 children. Legally they have not yet reached the age of responsibility for these apps (including Whatsapp) and historically they have caused many issues. Whilst we know and appreciate they are growing up in a digital world, please ensure you monitor the usage of their mobile phones.

Homework

It is extremely important that the children complete their homework in accordance with the timetable and hand it in promptly. This is not only to support the children's learning, but to also begin to prepare them for secondary school. We would very much appreciate your support in assisting the children with this, especially at the beginning of the year. Timetables will be give in the Autumn term.

SATs

SATS week will take place W/C Monday 13th May 2024. This consists of five papers:

- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG)
- Comprehension
- Maths Arithmetic
- Maths Reasoning Paper 1
- Maths Reasoning Paper 2

We will be consistently preparing the children throughout the year for these assessments and there will be more information to follow as we progress closer to this time.

Google Classroom

We will be continuing to use Google Classroom as a platform in which to send out information and set homework. Please do ensure you are checking this regularly as well as supporting your child to do so.

I am very much looking forward to working with your child next year. If you have any questions, worries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Have a lovely summer, and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th September 2023!

Mr Clark.

