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Committed to the care and education of your child within a Christian setting

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Welcome to Year Six

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday; it seems a long time ago now! The children have settled in well and are working hard. We are all looking forward to a happy and successful last year at The Blake School and hope this letter will provide all the information you need to support your child. The Year 6 team aim to bring the curriculum alive for your child by providing a wide variety of learning opportunities over the year, as well as supporting individual learning where appropriate. Year 6 is an important year where we will be encouraging independence and helping your child to take responsibility for their learning in preparation for Secondary School.

Academic Expectations, Attainment and Progress for the End of Key Stage 2

As a school we believe in delivering a broad curriculum, based firmly on our whole school values. Whilst we feel it is essential to be aware of and aim to achieve the new expectations required by the government in Reading, Writing (including SPAG) and Maths, we are firmly of the belief that progress is measured by each individual child achieving their next step; this may look very different from one child to another. The children will complete their SATs tests in May and further information regarding these will be made available to you throughout the year.

Curriculum

Subjects such as Maths, English (including spelling and grammar), Science, P.E, R.E. and PSHE tend to be taught discretely, but other subjects may be taught in a cross curricular manner through 'topics'. For example, this term's History topic 'World War 1' will also be taught through English and DT.

Homework

Each week, the children will be asked to learn their times tables or number facts and spellings. They will have a reading task to complete alongside independent reading. There will also be a separate task related to the week's work or cross-curricular focus. **Homework will be set on a Monday and should be returned by Friday.** Please encourage your child to talk to us if they are struggling with the homework, have any questions or need extra time to complete it.

Reading

The children will be given new home/school reading diaries. We encourage the children to write in these as often as possible. We cannot stress enough the importance of still reading with your child at home, as reading is a necessary skill for all work at school. Their reading books and diary should be brought to school every day. As well as reading accurately and fluently, your child needs to be able to discuss what they have read, referring to the text to back up their answers. They are also working on developing the skills and confidence to read aloud, with expression, to an

audience, e.g. reading a story to the rest of the class or reading their work in Collective Worship. Your child can have two books from our school library.

Times of the school day

Year 6 open their cloakroom doors at 8.55am. We would ask for your support in ensuring that the children arrive promptly in the morning. The doors are locked at 9.10am, after which please make your way to the school office. Break time is from 10.40am - 10.55am and lunch starts at 12.00pm and finishes at 1:00pm. In Year 6, all children eat their lunch in the hall during our second sitting from 12:30pm. School finishes at 3.15pm.

PE

PE will be taught on a Wednesday by Mrs Bishop. It is important that your child has their kit in school at all times in case the time is changed or it is needed for another activity, such as our sporting challenges. Please ensure all items are named.

Our PE kit is as follows;

- Indoor kit - Plain white T-shirt (with or without school logo) and black shorts
- Outdoor kit - Plain white T-shirt (with or without school logo), black shorts or jogging bottoms, sweatshirt (for cold weather) and trainers

Long hair needs to be tied back for PE and earrings need to be removed. PE is part of our curriculum and therefore all children are expected to take part. If there is a medical reason why they cannot participate please let us know. Swimming continues in Year 6 and this will start in Term 2.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Please ensure your child comes to school with a snack and a water bottle every day. We suggest snacks of fruit, crackers, a small sandwich or something similar. Do not include crisps, chocolate or sweets.

We look forward to a happy and successful term; please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Team

The Year 6 Team is:

Class 6CM

Class Teacher: Miss Main

Mrs Lynch teaches on a Wednesday morning

Mrs Laithwaite and Mrs Bishop teach across the Year group on a Wednesday afternoon.

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Wilson, Mrs Wheeler

Class 6NP

Class Teacher: Mrs Powell