



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing summer holiday! We are well and truly back up and running in school and would like to welcome you to the Autumn term in Year 6.

We are sure it is hard to believe that your children are in their final year of primary school! It will be a busy and exciting year and we have lots to look forward to such as a residential trip and school performance. We will of course also have the Year 6 SATs tests at the end of the year and would ask you to ensure you have no holiday booked and your children are in school during the week beginning Monday 9th May. You will also need to apply online through Torbay Council for your child's secondary place before the deadline at midnight on 31st October.

If you are planning to visit a secondary school this month to look around, please let the office know.

The children will be given the opportunity to take part in a residential trip to Skern Lodge. Due to price increases and availability, we have decided to run a three-day trip from Mon 4th April - Wed 6th April. More information to follow shortly regarding deposits and payment schedules.

Hawthorn Staffing:

Assistant Head Teacher - Mrs L Kerswell (Monday- Wednesday)

Teacher - Mrs W Kennedy (Wednesday- Friday)

Teaching Assistant - Mrs E Hollis (Monday- Thursday)

Teaching Assistant - Miss F Coldrick (Thursday-Friday)

Maple:

Teacher - Miss L Pilkievicz

Teaching Assistant - Mrs J West

School Start Time	Break	Lunch	End of the day
8.55	10.40-11.00	12.30-1.30	3.05

Reading Books: Reading folders will be sent home next week. We will be using a program called Accelerated Reader where children will be tested to get a reading level. They will then choose a book within their numerical range. We ask for your support in ensuring that children read for at least 15 minutes each day. Children will be expected to log their reading and complete online quizzes at the end of each text. This will allow us to monitor children's level of reading and their understanding of the texts much more closely. We will report this to you during parents' evenings.

P.E: Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on their allocated days for PE.

Hawthorn: Wednesday and Friday

Maple: Monday and Wednesday

Children will need to ensure that they wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions so may choose to wear black or grey leggings or track suit bottoms. They will wear their PE T-Shirt and their school jumper. This is not a non-uniform day.

Planning and Topic information: A copy of our termly overview will accompany this letter to give you an idea of topics covered in school this term.

Homework:

Children are expected to read every night. They will have one piece of maths and one piece of English homework to complete each week. This will be sent home on a Wednesday and expected to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Reminders:

Can I please remind you that all long hair must be tied up and water bottles for the classroom must contain only water. If children cannot remove earrings for P.E. then they must be taped up before they come to school. Nail varnish and make-up are not permitted.

Internet Safety:

I would like to flag up the importance of Internet/Computer/mobile phone safety. If you wish to find out more about this, these websites may be useful:

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

<http://ceop.police.uk/>

We also ask for your support in knowing which APPs and facilities your child uses on their mobile phone (if relevant) and to remind them about making appropriate and safe comments via TiKToK / messenger/ WhatsApp etc should they use these.

We will be sending Google Forms for you to sign for the IT Acceptable Use Agreement and revised Home School Agreements: please look out for these.

Mobile phones are not allowed in school except where children need them at the beginning and end of the school day to walk home. They must be turned off and handed in to the teacher at the beginning of the school day. They will be kept in a box in a lockable cupboard and given out at the end of the day.

It has been lovely to say hello to some of you at school pick up and we look forward to working with you and your children this year.

The Year 6 team