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Dear Parent / Carer / Guardians,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 6!

We hope that you and your family have had a wonderful summer and are ready for the new academic year. Year 6 is a very busy and important year. Pupils are now in their final year at Blakehill and will soon begin the process of selecting which secondary school they want to attend. Your child has brought home an information leaflet for parents for applying to secondary schools in Bradford (this includes the dates for school open evenings). Leeds schools' information is available at: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school>

Pupils also have their end of Key Stage 2 SAT tests which take place in May. Throughout this year, we ask for your continued support. If you do have any questions, worries or queries, please feel free to speak to a member of the Year 6 team.

Autumn Term Curriculum

Subject	Unit
Mathematics	Place Value Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division Fractions Measurement - converting units
English	Narrative: suspense narrative flashback stories writing from a different point of view. Non-narrative: journalistic writing Balanced/biased arguments Formal/informal writing Poetry to perform
Science	Classifying living things Electricity
History	Ancient civilisation study: The Maya
Music	Ukulele tuition How does music bring us together? How does music connect us with the past?
Computing	Communication and collaboration



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Healthy School

Art	Drawing (shadow and reflection) - Artist focus: New York architects (Shreve, Lamb & Harmon) Painting (watercolour) - Artist focus: Justin Margitich & Claire Cowie
DT	Fairground rides (Structures and mechanisms)
PSHE	Me and My Relationships Growing and changing Puberty and reproduction Online pressures
MFL	Spanish tuition
RE	How do Sikhs show commitment? How does growing up bring responsibilities?
PE	Swimming (6R) Invasion games Net and wall games OAA

Dates for your diary

There are a number of key dates already in place for Year 6, please ensure to keep a record of these. **We ask that no children are taken out of school during SAT's week.**

Friday 21st October 2022	Blackpool Visit
Monday 31 st October 2022	Secondary School applications close
Monday 12 th December 2022	Year 5 & 6 Christingle
Monday 13 th December 2022	Year 5 & Cinema trip
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day
Friday 17 th March 2023	6R class assembly
Friday 31 st March 2023	6P class assembly
Monday 8 th May 2023 - Friday 12 th May 2023	SATs week
Thursday 22 nd June 2023	Year 6 Sports Day
Tuesday 4 th / Wednesday 5 th July 2023	Transition day
Tuesday 18 th July 2023	Year 6 Production
Friday 21 st July 2023	Year 6 Prom
Tuesday 25 th July 2023	Year 6 award ceremony

Attendance and punctuality

We would like to emphasise the importance of excellent attendance and hope that you and your child will make every effort to make sure that you are on time and ready for the school day. Pupils should be in the playground ready to line up at 8.45am, where they will be greeted by their teacher.

Mobile Phones

We understand that some pupils have mobile phones and that they use these as they walk to and from school on their own. We must stress that mobile phones should be turned off once your child has entered the school grounds. Mobile phones should then be given to a member of staff so that they can be securely put away during the school day and returned at the end of the day.

Homework

Homework will typically be set on a Friday, to be returned the completed by the following Wednesday for marking. This will be provided to support and consolidate pupils' learning from that week or a previous week. It is used to check understanding of topics covered and helps us identify areas of learning that need further



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development. In the run up to SATs, we must stress that homework is important in preparing your child. If your child needs extra support with their homework, please contact a member of the Year 6 team via the school office.

Spellings

Spellings will be handed out to pupils on a Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday. These spellings will cover the Year 6 spelling curriculum. It is important that pupils are learning their spellings and we ask that you support your child with this. Spelling is a big part of your child's SAT tests. 20 marks are dedicated to the spelling test within the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) tests and children's spelling is also taken into account within the GPS paper. In addition to this, pupil's spelling is taken into account when the overall judgement is given for writing.

Home Reading

In Year 6, children are given daily opportunities to change their reading books if required and we expect them to be independent enough to identify when they need to do this.

It is essential that your child reads as frequently as possible to build their stamina for reading and we are looking for children to read **at least** three times a week at home - this should be recorded in their Home School planner. Every time your child reads and records this in their planner, they will receive a house point and a sticker on their reward chart. We understand that parents/carers live busy lives but any time you can spare to listen to your child really would be extremely beneficial.

If your child has a book 'on the go' at home, they are welcome to bring it to school to read during independent reading time.

PE

Outdoor PE: this takes place on a **Thursday** afternoon. It is important that children have the correct, named kit for this: a white plain t-shirt; black tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings; black shorts; a plain black sweatshirt or zip up jumper and a pair of trainers.

Swimming: Because of the swimming tuition missed in 2021 due to COVID 19, Year 6 will receive swimming tuition this year. This will take place on a Tuesday morning.

Please ensure girls have a full swimsuit and boys' sensible trunks or swim shorts, which must be above the knee. Once lessons start, swimwear will need to be brought in a bag with a towel (no shampoo/spray deodorant or shower gel). Roll-on deodorant is allowed.

Our Sports UK Coach will lead both PE sessions.

PE kits should be brought into school in a named pump bag that can be left in the cloakroom.

Water Bottles

To enable your child to have a drink of water, we would encourage a named water bottle be brought into school. Try to ensure your child's bottle is of the non-spill variety. Bottles should be taken home daily to be cleaned.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform (named so that it can be easily returned if lost), including black school shoes. If your child does not have suitable black school shoes, they will be given black pumps to wear throughout the day inside. Children can wear trainers at play times and lunch times but these must be changed back to school shoes ready for returning to lessons. Pupils are also required to wear a school tie with a white shirt and children in Key Stage 2 should have a school cardigan or V-necked school jumper.



Jewellery must not be worn apart from stud earrings unless for religious purposes. Children may wear a watch but it **must not** be able to send or receive messages or record e.g. a Smart watch.

As we share a small cloakroom, your child should not bring any other bags apart from their pump bag and book bag.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to any of us at the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Team

Mrs. Russell, Mr. Poole, Mrs. Keighley (Teaching Staff)

Mrs. Bedell and Miss Power (Teaching Assistants)

