



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 6!

We hope you all had a great summer break and are now looking forward to starting your time in Year 6. We have some very exciting things planned and we are sure that this is going to be a fantastic year. Although starting in a new class can be very exciting, for some it can sometimes cause anxiety. Please feel free to come and speak to me about any issues or concerns at any time throughout the year. We are a very committed team at Tower Hill and will strive to make your child's education productive and hopefully fun!

Just a quick reminder that the children need to be in school and collected at the following times:

Wainhouse 8.45 – 9.00/3.15 – 3.30

Please try to stick to these times so that the volume of parents on the playground is kept to a minimum.

The most important entry for your diaries at the moment is the date of the SATs:

Monday 10th May – Friday 14th May 2021

Please ensure that **NO** holiday is booked during this time. The tests are a statutory requirement and it is impossible for your child to sit them **AT ANY OTHER TIME** than on the allocated day, at the same time as all other pupils in the year. In a few weeks time, and continuing at intervals throughout the year, the Year 6 children will be given the opportunity to experience SATs style questions in conditions similar to those during the actual test week. This helps us to set targets with the children in order for them to achieve their full potential. Knowing what is expected helps your child to feel more comfortable and confident.

Each week, the children will be given homework which will generally consist of reading, writing and mathematical tasks although homework on other topics may also be given. In Year 6, there will be no set day for homework in order to help the children prepare for secondary school. Homework will be given on different days with different time limits so that the children become used to managing their time

PE sessions will take place on **Wednesday and Friday** afternoons. The children will need to come into school on both those days in their PE Kits. The children will also need their trainers in each day so that they can participate in the daily Golden Mile run. The children are expected to wear a P.E. kit comprising of a white T-shirt, dark bottoms (shorts for Gymnastics/Dance; tracksuit bottoms for Games if preferred) and appropriate footwear for reasons of both safety and hygiene. **No jewellery should be worn during P.E.**

The school will provide the children with the equipment that they will need in school, therefore **pencil cases are not needed** and we would ask that these are left at home and used to complete homework tasks.

We would like to remind you that as a school we insist on *healthy* snacks like fruit and vegetables. No chocolate bars please! At the moment we cannot offer the snack trolley at break times so it would be fantastic if the children could bring in a healthy snack. The children are allowed to bring in water bottles and this is encouraged, especially during the hotter months. The children must only bring in water in bottles with sports tops.

During our literacy lessons throughout Year 6 we are using a variety of stimuli to improve our writing. One of these is the use of film clips and we will be watching a variety of films rated PG such as Harry Potter and Wonder. We will also be watching War Horse, which is rated 12, as part of our learning for Remembrance Week. If you are happy for your child to watch suitable PG and 12 rated films whilst in Wainhouse Class please sign and return this slip. If you have any concerns, please come and speak to me.

I would just like to take this opportunity to again welcome you to Year 6 and ask that if you have any questions or concerns, you do not hesitate to ask myself or one of the Year 6 team. Just a reminder, that we encourage social distancing at all classroom doors please.

Could you please return the slip below to us - letters do have a strange way of staying firmly at the bottom of school bags so this is our way to know that you have actually seen it! We would just like to take this opportunity to again welcome you to Year 6.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Dinsdale

Year 6 Team Leader
Assistant Headteacher

To: Miss Dinsdale, Tower Hill Primary School

Name of pupil _____ Year 6

- **I have read the Year 6 introductory letter**
- **I do/do not** give consent for my child to watch suitable PG films and 12 rated films

Signed _____ *Parent/Guardian

Date _____