Dear …………………………and Family,

I hope you had a very happy holiday! Your children all seem very grown up and smart this year – they are keen to learn and they have come back to school with great attitudes. I am very excited about what this year holds for us!

**Welcome to Year 6!**

**Transition from Year 5 to Year 6**

Most of the routines remain the same as last year. We give year 6 children a bit more responsibility in terms of becoming monitors, head boy/head girl and supporting the younger children. The main difference is that this year we are preparing for our SATs in May. We have high expectations in year 6 and always make sure the children’s learning is purposeful and fully prepares them to reach their expected level by the end of the year. Of course, we also have the fun things to look forward to – Frank Chapman, leavers’ trip, leavers’ play and graduation. We also prepare the children for secondary school by inviting secondary school staff and pupils in to work with the children. They will also visit their new schools and receive a pen pal who will ‘look after’ them!

**Reading in Year 6**

Despite the majority of year 6 pupils being fluent readers, it is still important they are reading regularly. The children have all been given a school reading book but we are happy for them to read their own books if they are fluent. Please encourage your child to fill in their planner and reading passport with you – even if they have read to themselves.

We encourage the children to change their own books when they’ve finished reading them, but they need to have recorded this in their planner.

In year 6, the children are reading aloud in lessons all of the time. They also have class reading time where we read a class novel together – this half term is Kensuke’s Kingdom – and we have guided reading sessions. Apologies if it looks like we haven’t heard your child read because it’s not signed in their planner – the evidence is in their guided reading books which you will get to look at during Parents’ evening!

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**Rewards**

The children will continue to receive charter points as they did last year. The class will receive points for good behaviour at breaks and lunch which result in extra break time. Attendance continues to be rewarded. In class, we have a new system where children are given stickers to put on a ‘credit card’ – the stickers can then be exchanged for tokens which in turn ‘buy’ little treats.

**Pupil planners**

There are lots of useful resources in the planner which can support your child with their learning – take a look! If you haven’t already, please sign the home/school agreement.

**PE**

Main PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Occasionally, this could change last minute, therefore we recommend your child keeps their PE kit in school every day and takes it home at half term to be washed.

**General Reminders…**.

* The children will need to bring their own water bottle to keep in class which they can access throughout the day and they will change their water regularly.
* We encourage year 6 to bring their own pencil case in. We will provide them with a school pen, pencil, ruler and rubber. However, if the children want to bring their own stationery then that’s a good way to get them used to being organised for secondary school!