

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and prosperous new year.

This term promises to be both interesting and challenging for the children as our main focus will be preparing the children for their SAT's tests at the beginning of next term. The emphasis will be on improving the children's skills in Literacy and Numeracy. It would be helpful if parents could support their children at home in preparing them for the tests. There are some very useful Key Stage 2 revision books available in English and Mathematics from all good bookshops which would be of benefit to your child (if you would like further information please don't hesitate to ask).

We will also be continuing with our topic work which will focus on **The Mayans**, in addition we will also be having healthy living days throughout the whole school where the children will learn about benefits of good nutrition and exercise.

Vivienne Dompreeh, & Harry Banks

P.E.

This half term Y6 classes have PE on a Tuesday morning (Chestnut) and Friday morning (Oak). Please ensure that your child is dressed in the appropriate kit—the cold days this term will require jogging bottoms or leggings and a long sleeved top as opposed to shorts and T-shirts.

Homework Club

Homework Club will resume this week on a Monday afternoon. Selected children will be invited to come in and receive extra help and assistance.

Reminder of Y6 commitment to having a Growth Mindset

Please work with us to help the children to have a 'Growth' mindset towards their learning and their attitudes. This means that children should be aware that they are constantly striving to do their best and fulfil their potential. This includes the following:

- Have an 'I can if I work hard' mindset
- Learning that mistakes help us to learn
- Be role models to the other children in the school
- Work extremely hard and achieve the best you can
- Believe in yourself

Homework & Spelling

Homework and spelling will continue to be given out on a Thursday and will be collected the following Tuesday.

Please ensure that your child completes and returns all the homework this term as it reinforces and builds on skills we have been working on in class. Please take the time to look over homework before it is handed in and make sure it is of an acceptable standard.

Dates for your diary:

January
 9th Athletics competition at Latchmere Leisure Centre
 16th RE Day
 WB 21st Healthy living week
 21st After school clubs start
 22nd Teachfit Day
 28th Maths week

February
 8th Chinese New Year assembly Y1&2 @ 9.30
 WB 18th -22nd - HALF TERM
 25th School open to pupils

March
 4th **Book Week**
 7th World Book Day
 21st Parents' Evening 4-8pm

April
 4th **Easter Assembly Year 4**
 5th Last Day of term (own clothes day) 2pm finish

SCHOOL JOURNEY To PGL

A reminder that we will be taking the Year 6 children on a residential trip to PGL in Surrey in June.

Reading

Please continue to support your child with their reading as this will help with their comprehension skills and vocabulary and grammar skills which they will be tested on at the end of the year. We have a range of books available which can be taken home throughout the week.