

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Class: Year 6

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer and your children are excited to be back. We are all really looking forward to supporting your child/children as they return to school and working with them during this important year. As you may be aware, Year 6 will be an exciting year but perhaps the most challenging of your child's school life so far; we will provide support for your child/children throughout the year to help them to experience continued success but will ensure that it is also a year packed with memorable activities. There are a few areas we would just like to remind you about as we get the year started:

PE:

Our P.E. days are Wednesday (outside) and Thursday (in the hall); it is important that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days as they will not be able to change in school. Please ensure that they have the appropriate P.E / Games clothing and that they do not wear jewellery that they cannot take off themselves (only stud earrings are allowed in school). Should your child be unable to participate in P.E, please send a note with your child explaining the reason. Please consider the weather when selecting their PE kit as they will be wearing it all day.

Homework:

To avoid the need for physical items to be brought to and from school, initially, homework will consist of Times tables Rockstar practise, spelling practise and daily reading for at least 20 minutes and will be set via Class Dojo. The children will be encouraged to embark on home projects related to the curriculum but these can be submitted via Class Dojo in the form of photos. We will inform you when this changes and we can return to more formal homework routines.

Topics:

Our main topic this term is The Transatlantic Slave Trade; this is an incredibly important topic for the pupils to study particularly as it has been prominent in the news. The children will be looking at Bristol's role in the slave trade, the treatment of slaves and the legacy. Our science topic is forces. We have included a knowledge organiser for the term, which the children will be using to support their learning.

SATS:

The Government's plan is for the Year 6 SATs to continue as planned: From Monday 10th May – Thursday 13th May, Year 6 will be taking their SATs tests. We don't want anyone worrying about these, especially this early on. The children will receive lots of practise and opportunities for additional booster sessions will be provided for all children throughout the year, regardless of their academic ability.

We have found the use of study guides incredibly useful in preparation for the SATs in May. We are offering the opportunity to purchase the SATs study guides at a reduced rate through the school (retail at £5.95) to help



support your child with the the National Curriculum. We also SAT Buster books which previous pupils have found beneficial.



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Please indicate which books you wish to order on the form below and ensure that payment is made via parent pay by Friday 25th September. We will order the books so that the children will have them hopefully before half term.

We are believers in using ICT to support and enhance the children's learning. We use a variety of websites to support learning. If you have access to a home computer or the library, here are some websites that you may find useful:

www.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews

www.bbc.co.uk/history

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk

<http://sats.highamstjohns.com/>

http://www.st-josephs-pickering.n-yorks.sch.uk/past_test_papers.htm

http://www.schoolslinks.co.uk/resources_mentalmaths.htm

You will also find information on the school website: www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk.

A few reminders / requests:

Please send your child to school with two filled, named water bottles so they have access to water throughout the day.

Cloakrooms will not be in use and children will only need to bring a packed lunch (if needed), their inhalers (if needed), their coat and two water bottles into school.

We would also ask that you update the office with any medical needs your child may have. We need to be aware of any allergies or change in medical condition. If your child requires an inhaler, please make sure that an up-to-date inhaler (labelled with your child's name) is sent into school as soon as possible. There is a form available in the office for you to complete should you need to update us with anything medical. Equally, please ensure emergency contact details are up-to-date, should we need to contact you.

To help celebrate all of your child's achievements, please feel free to let us know of any special achievements they might gain in any after school activities so we can celebrate them in school.

We will be continuing to use the Class Dojo system as part of our behaviour management system; please see the additional sheet for details about how to log in so that you can be updated on your child's behaviour at home.

If there is anything else you would like to discuss, please feel free to make contact through Class Dojo. Alternatively, we are able to discuss anything with you over the telephone; please call the school office to make an appointment or contact me via Class Dojo. We will continue to update you with any changes regarding Covid-19 guidance or any amendments to our usual provision as a result of Covid-19.

Kind regards,

Miss Legg



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CGP Key Stage Two study Guides (Please order by Friday 25th September at the latest).

Please order through Parent Pay via the notes field where you will be able to select the books required.

Study Book	Cost per book
Maths	£2.50
Grammar, punctuation and spelling study guide	£2.50
Maths SAT Buster	£2.25
Grammar SAT Buster	£2.25
Reading SAT Buster	£2.25

