

Welcome to Class Six

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome your child to Class Six. In Class Six, the aim is to encourage children to be more independent in preparation for secondary school. Outlined in this letter are some general reminders as well as some information about this year.

School Uniform

Please encourage your child to wear correct school uniform and school shoes. It would be extremely useful if all items of school clothing could be named. Girls with long hair should have it tied at back at all times for health and safety reasons.

Physical Education

If your child is unable to participate in any sporting activities please let me know in advance, either in person or in writing. Children should have their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school at all times. Please ensure your child has appropriate P.E. kit which should include:

For indoor sessions: a school t-shirt, navy blue cotton shorts, a change of socks, daps/trainers

For outdoor sessions: a school t-shirt, a pair of dark or navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts, a change of socks and trainers

Stationery

Children in Class Six are encouraged to use their own stationery. Your child will require a fully equipped, named pencil case including; pencils, a ruler, pencil sharpener and rubber. Children may use a fibre tipped ink pen (*dark blue ink only*) once they have passed their Milestone Three for handwriting. A folder or book-bag would be useful for children to keep all of their homework, letters and belongings together.

Homework

Homework is given to children in order to help reinforce their learning. In Class Six, all children have a homework book. Children are encouraged to copy homework activities from the whiteboard or stick homework sheets into their homework books. This year, homework tasks will generally be set on a Thursday and will need to be completed by the following Tuesday. Occasionally, when fewer homework tasks are set, it is encouraged children engage in activities such as: independent/shared reading, mental maths, maths games, times tables and spelling activities to reinforce spelling rules.

RM Maths and Mathletics

As you may be aware, we use Mathletics in school to help improve children's mathematical skills and understanding. Mathletics is online and all of the children in the class can have access to it.

Reading Records

Children are expected to regularly take part in shared and/or independent reading at home. Please encourage your child to frequently update their reading record and bring it into school every day. There are some questions in your child's reading record to help prompt them to write more detailed comments and also help provide a basis for discussion.

Outdoor shoes/Wellington boots

Please encourage your child to bring outdoor shoes/wellington boots into school so they can play on the school field throughout the year. Outdoor shoes/wellington boots should be named and kept in a named plastic bag.

It may also be useful for children to have a change of clothes (e.g. waterproof/old trousers) for playing on the field during the winter months and for our PlayWood sessions.

Secondary Schools

Choosing the right secondary school is an important decision for both parents and children. We recommend that you and your child visit schools on their open evenings and open days (during school time) to get a feel for what the school is like and if it is right for your child.

It would be extremely useful for us to know in advance if you are considering an independent school for your child, as we will need to prepare references by the end of Term 2.

Deadline for applications for Year 7 in September 2018 is 31st October 2017 (*admissions now live on the B&NES website*).

Residential Trip

Class Six will be going on an outdoor activities residential trip at the end of Term 5 (23rd – 25th May). More information about the trip, including the cost, will follow shortly. Please put the dates in your diaries!

If you have any queries or concerns about anything relating to any of this information or other school related matters, please do not hesitate to see one of us.

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