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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable (albeit slightly different) summer holiday and that all of the children are well rested ready for the busy term ahead.

As you know Year 6 is an important year for the children as this year we will be working towards the SATs tests in May. Even though this might worry the children slightly, they should see it as an exciting challenge and I know that the children will be as well prepared as they can be so that they can all achieve to their full individual potential. Even though the children will sit the tests, at Greenways we are passionate about providing the children with a rich, engaging curriculum which will allow them to develop and build on current skills and learn new ones. The learning that the children will do all year will be broad and ambitious and educational visits are still extremely important to us to support learning.

Y6 Prefect & Head Boy/Girl applications

This year will provide more opportunities for the children so that they can become more responsible and have roles and responsibilities. In year 6, we have class prefects who take on various roles across the school. These vary from looking after the younger children during assemblies and playtimes, to being football referees. We also allow the children to apply to be head boy or head girl. All roles are taken very seriously as the children have to represent Greenways positively both in and outside of school and be role models to the younger children. The head boy and girl also have to attend after school events and speak confidently in public. If one of these roles is something that your child feels they would like to take on, I have attached a prefect form and head boy/girl criteria for them to fill in and consider. I would like all prefect forms to be returned by Friday 10th September and Head Boy/Girl letters addressed to Miss Garside by Friday 10th September. Your child can apply for a prefect role and also head boy/girl if they wish. It would be great if all children in year 6 had a role and responsibility.

Y6 Homework & PE

Homework in year 6 initially is the same as it has been in every other year group. The children will receive two pieces of homework on a Thursday to be returned on the following Monday, this is likely to be Maths and English focusing on what has been taught that week.



They will also have weekly spellings handed out on a Friday to be tested the following Friday and reading is an on-going weekly expectation; reading journals will be checked every Friday morning to ensure your child has read at home and had their planner signed. In the spring term homework increases to an additional piece a week, but further information will be sent about this after Christmas.

It is an expectation now that all children know their times tables up to and including 12 x 12. If your child is not yet secure on all of their times tables please can you work with them at home as they do feed into a lot of the maths work that the children do in class. I do not want the children to be held back due to gaps in this key skill. I have attached a times table grid for your reference.

PE this term is going to be held on a Wednesday afternoon and will be swimming. This will not commence until Wednesday 22nd September, so please could your child attend school on a Wednesday for the first few weeks in their Greenways PE kit as they will still have PE on this day until swimming begins. Children will be expected to come in school uniform on swimming days and a letter will follow shortly with the swimming kit requirements.

If your child has asthma can you please ensure that we have a named inhaler in school at all times and this is outlined on the asthma form in the authorisation pack.

Y6 SATs information

In order to inform you about SATs and for you to receive your child's free SATs study guides, I will be composing a virtual SATs information session for parents and this will be emailed to you in the next few weeks. After this has been shared, SATs study books will be sent home with your child to support them with their learning further in year 6.

Y6 Mobile Phones

Many of the children ask whether or not they can bring mobile phones into school now that they are in year 6. We only allow the children to have a mobile phone in school if they have permission from you, as their parents/carers, to walk to or from school. If you are happy for your child to walk to and/or from school now they are in year 6 please complete the reply slip and tick whether or not they will have a mobile in school.

If your child does bring their phone in, it must be switched off and handed to the member of staff on the door in the morning. Your child will then need to sign his/her phone in and then sign it out again at the end of the day. All mobiles will then go into a locked unit during the day and returned to your child at 3.15pm. Please be aware that the school does not take any responsibility for any damage caused to mobile phones; it is at your own risk if your child brings them to school or not.

Miss Nixon and I are very much looking forward to teaching your children this year. We have lots of excited lessons planned and know that all of the children will work hard to reach their full potential. If at any point throughout the year you wish to get in touch with me, then please do not hesitate to speak to me on the playground at home time or contact the office and a private appointment can be made. The partnership between you as parents and me as the teacher is very important and your support is very much valued.

Kind Regards,

Miss Brough and Miss Nixon

Year 6 Walk to school permission slip & Mobile Phone consent

I give permission for my child _____ to walk home from school.

- My child WILL have a mobile phone in school.
 - My child WILL NOT have a mobile phone in school
- Please tick appropriate box

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)

Date: _____

