



# Woodstone Community Primary School

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*Growing together, Learning forever*

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for another school year! I also hope the children are as excited about the new term as I am! Year 6 can be a challenging year, but we have lots of great activities, trips, and learning topics planned so I'm positive well have a great year! This letter contains some key information about the expectations of Year 6. As always, if you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact me.

## Staff

Miss Pullinger will be assisting Year 6's learning in the classroom this year and Mrs. Edwards will be helping the children with their ICT lessons.

## Reading

We strive for excellence in reading at Woodstone. Regular reading, followed by discussion about what has been read, is essential to develop a child's vocabulary and comprehension skills, and we ask that parents work with us to help the children develop into passionate readers. We ask that Year 6 children read for 20 minutes 3 times a week after school or over the weekend. When your child has read, either with you or independently, please sign and date their reading records each time so that we can monitor their reading (records will be checked every Friday). If children do not complete their weekly reading, then they will make up this reading time during break time on Friday.

## Times Table Rock Stars

At Woodstone, we try to provide children with every opportunity to learn and grow. Like reading, it is important that children play TTRS at home. Playing this game will not only develop times table skills, but also help to boost children's confidence during maths lessons. We ask that Year 6 children play for **20 minutes** a week. If the weekly sessions aren't completed, children will make up their practice during break time. The week's top rock stars will receive dojo points for their efforts!

## Homework

Throughout Year 6, I will set homework on a Friday and ask that it be returned by the following Thursday. During the Autumn term, we will alternate between maths and spelling worksheets that compliment our classroom learning. Homework will be set from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

## P.E.

This half-term, Year 6 will have P.E. on **Monday afternoons and Friday afternoons** with the sports coach. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit with them all week as plans can change.

P.E. kit must be taken home at the end of the week to be washed, but please ensure it is bought back on Monday morning. Their PE kit is an essential part of their uniform as it allows movement to be easier and more comfortable and is also designed to ensure health and safety guidelines are adhered to at all times. Please check regularly that their kit fits (especially footwear) and includes:

- Outdoor: trainers suitable for playground and field, tracksuit bottoms, blue or white t-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie (Woodstone hoodies are now available to order).
- Indoor: pumphs, a blue or white t-shirt and blue shorts.

Long hair must be tied up during P.E. lessons. Jewellery must not be worn during P.E. lessons and should be **removed before the lesson begins.** If your child can't remove their jewellery themselves then please make sure they don't wear it on PE days. Staff are not permitted to remove fixed jewellery, such as earrings, for the children.

### **Snacks and Drinks**

As a Healthy School, we encourage the children to drink water throughout the day and so ask that you ensure your child brings a named bottle of water with them every day; school has a fresh water fountain so they can top it up as necessary. Woodstone's tuck shop is open and healthy snacks are available for your child to purchase.

### **Mobile Phones**

We are aware that by Year 6 most children have their own smartphone. Whilst children are not permitted to have their phone with them during the school day, we are aware that some of them do choose to bring them and keep them in their bags. We ask that you encourage your child not to bring their phone with them unless it is necessary, however, if they must bring it to school then they should turn off their phone and hand it to either myself or Miss P first thing in the morning. The phone will then be kept secure until the end of the school day where they can retrieve it.

### **Meet the Teacher**

If you have any questions that you would like to discuss with me then please feel free to speak to me before school begins outside of the classroom, or you can contact me via the Year 6 email. I will be hosting a small meeting to discuss the expectations and plans for Year 6 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of September at 5pm where I will happily answer any questions or queries that you may have. I look forwards to seeing you then.

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Kind Regards,



Mr. Jerram Brewin - Year 6 Class Teacher