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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Year 6

I am delighted to be returning to school after the summer break and I am very excited at the prospect of teaching your child. I am looking forward to a positive and enriching year and will ensure your child has a very enjoyable experience.

This letter is to provide you with information about the coming school year.

Attendance

As part of our 'Achieve and Enjoy' we celebrate attendance with rewards on a Friday. There will also be a weekly notification on the school website showing which class are the highest achievers of attendance.

We strive at St. Leo's and Southmead for every child to be happy and that their voice is heard. It is so important that your child attends school every day unless they are sick, which we would be very grateful if you would phone the school on the day of absence and send in a note on their return to explain their absence.

Help and support is available within school if you feel there are any difficulties in your child attending regularly.

Water

It has been scientifically proven that children having constant access to water helps improve their learning. Therefore please can you provide your child with a water bottle that has a sports cap on and ensure that it is refilled everyday at home.

Toast

As we are a healthy school, toast is available to buy each day at the cost of 10p a slice. If your child does not wish to purchase toast they may bring in a healthy snack.

Assessment and Tests

Your child will be sitting their SATS tests during May, dates will be provided nearer the time. These are very important and your child will need support from both school and home to help them prepare. Assessments will be carried out throughout the school year, therefore attendance has an impact. More information on this will be provided in a Year 6 meeting for parents on 11th September 2017.

Punctuality

Please make sure that your child arrives to school on time (8.55am). The doors will be open from 8:45am. Lessons begin the minute your child sets foot into the classroom. We don't want your child to miss out on any learning opportunities.

Uniform

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and **has their name in everything including their coat**. Their school uniform is a reflection on the class, especially when we are out of school or when we have visitors into the classroom. **Your child must wear plain black shoes.**

Money and messages

Please ensure that all money is put in envelopes marked with your child's name and what the money is for. Please do not hand us any money at the door as it can be confusing who has given us what and what for. Can you also write any messages in a letter as verbal messages can often be forgotten?

Book Club

Mrs Parry will be continuing Book Club on Tuesdays. This is a great opportunity for your child to become interested in books and life-long readers!!!

P.E.

P.E. is a compulsory lesson just like English and Maths, that your child must take part in. Your child's P.E. lesson is on a Friday. Please make sure your child has a full PE Kit (plain black shorts, white T-shirt and pumps – **with their name on everything**). As P.E. may take place outside, we encourage the children to bring in a tracksuit and trainers. PE kits can be kept in school every day and sent home at half terms to be washed. It is important that your child wears the correct P.E. kit as they might be asked to represent the school for specific sporting activities and visit other schools.

Spellings

Your child will bring home a list of spellings every Friday. Every Monday they will go over the spelling patterns in class and will be tested on a Friday before the new set of spellings are sent home. Therefore your child has plenty of time to learn their spellings. Please take some time with your child to help them learn them. This is extremely important as the spellings are assessed within the SATS tests as well as within their writing.

Timetable

Enclosed is a sample weekly timetable for year 6 children. The timetable allows the children to know exactly when they will be carrying out a specific subject. This will help them to follow a specific routine and help them to prepare for their day. This timetable may change each half term.

Long Term plan and Curriculum

Enclosed is a copy of the long term plan for the year which shows you the topics that your child will be learning about throughout the year and helpful hints to use at home. Your child can use this as a guide and carry out their own research. You will also receive a copy of the dates of events throughout the school year. Please ensure these dates are recorded to enable your child to take part. Reminders will be placed in newsletters throughout the year.

Homework

This is offered to your child to reinforce their learning. Therefore we think homework can be really valuable.

Your child will receive homework on a Friday and we ask for it to be returned on the following Wednesday, in order for it to be marked. Due to this being their final year at Primary School, we feel it is so important that your child completes their homework, as this is in preparation for their transition to secondary school.

I understand that weekends can be very busy, therefore I will be offering the children the opportunity to stay in school on a Friday until 4:00pm to enable them to make a start or complete their homework. A separate letter will be sent out.

Your child will be provided with a school reading book (in the black book bag). These books will be read by other children, so I ask you to please make sure your child looks after it and returns to school once they have completed it.

I really looking forward to teaching your child this year and I am sure your child will enjoy their time in year 6.

Thank you

Miss Allen

Could you please supply the school with an up to date contact number and emergency number.

Contact number _____

Emergency Number _____

Has your child got any allergies?

If so please

state _____

I give permission for my child to have their photograph taken or video taken which maybe used on the school website.

Yes No (please circle)

Signed _____

My child can walk home alone Yes No (please circle)

Signed _____

	Important Dates for Diaries
W/B 4 th September	Geography Week (Mountains)
Mon 11th September	Year Six Parents Information Meeting – School Hall 2.00 pm
W/B 25 th September	Poetry Week
W/B 16 th October	Art Week (Graffiti)
Thurs 19th October	Parents Evening 5pm- 8pm – Appointments tbc
W/B 30 th October	History Week (Mayans)
W/B 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Fri 17 th November	Children in Need- Cake Sale- contributions welcome
Wed 22 nd November	Parents Reading Morning – 8:45am
Fri 24 th November	Composer Day – Henry Purcell
W/B 27 th November	Maths Week
W/B 11 th December	D/T Week (Lights)
Thurs 14 th December	Film Night – 3:15 – 4:45
Fri 15th December	Year Six Christmas Play – All Welcome- School Hall - PM
Tues 19 th December	Christmas Dinner
Wed 20 th December	Christmas Party- food contributions welcome
Thurs 21 st December	Finish for Christmas – 2pm
Wed 3 rd January	Return to school
W/B 8 th January	Geography Week (Water Cycle)
W/B 29 th January	Ambition Week
Fri 2 nd February	Ambition Dressing Up Day- optional costume
W/B 5 th February	Art Week (Henry Moore)
Wed 7 th February	Internet Safety Day
Fri 9 th February	Finish for Half Term – 3:15pm
Mon 19 th February	Return to school
W/B 19 th February	History Week (Slavery)
Thur 1 st March	World Book Day- character costume optional
W/B 5 th March	Cultural Week
W/B 12 th March	Science Week
Friday 16th March	Parents Science Morning- All Welcome- Year 6 Class- 8.45- 9.30
W/B 19 th March	DT Week (Designing a Soft Toy)
Friday 23 rd March	Comic Relief Day
Wed 28th March	Parents Evening 5pm- 8pm – Appointments tbc
Thurs 29th March	Finish for Spring Break – 2pm
Mon 16 th April	Return to School
W/B 16 th April	Geography Week (Map Reading)
W/B 21 st May	Art Week (Printing)
Fri 25 th May	Finish for Half Term
Mon 11 th June	Return to School
W/B 18 th June	History Week
W/B 25 th June	Multi-Cultural/Faith Week
Wed 27 th June	Music Around The World
W/B 2 nd July	Sports Week- PE Kit to be worn each day
Fri 6 th July	Year 6 Summer Trip – Chill Factor
W/B 9 th July	DT Week (Shelters)
Fri 13 th July	Year 6 Camping Day
Wed 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 10am School Hall
Fri 20 th July	Finish for the Summer Term – 2pm

