

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who attended the Year 6 meeting – hopefully we have addressed all of the important issues for the upcoming year. Please find below a summary of the key information for future reference:

### Attendance

It is vital that your child attends school **every day** and arrives on time – **doors open at 8:40am** for registration. School policy states that if a child has been sick or had diarrhoea, then they should remain at home for 48 hours. Unless this is the case, please ensure that your child attends school and we will contact you later in the day if they become unwell and need to return home. Missing school will impact on your child's learning and prevent them from making good progress.

### Uniform

The children look smart in their new uniforms – thank you for supporting this change. If you are unsure about the uniform policy, please ask for more details. Please ensure that your child has their correct PE kit (blue t-shirt, black shorts, black pumps, black or dark jogging bottoms and black or dark trainers) and their blazer with them every day. Blazers can be taken off with permission once the children are settled in the classrooms.

### Behaviour

All of year 6 have come back to school with positive attitudes to learning and behaviour has been generally of a high standard. The expectation is that this will continue throughout the year. The behaviour policy is continuing this year so the children are aiming to **“Be Seen On Green”**.

If a child displays inappropriate behaviour then they will be given a non-verbal warning or prompt, then a warning before being given an ‘Orange’. If the child then chooses to continue the behaviour, then they will receive a second warning before being given a ‘Red’. Being issued an ‘Orange’ or ‘Red’, will impact on their golden time and chance of earning parties, special lunches and special trips out. As Year 6, we are encouraging the children to be good role models for younger children in school, so we would appreciate your support with this.

### Homework

The children will receive a spelling/English task, a times tables/ maths task weekly and a topic project once a half term. **Consistent with all other year groups in school, homework will be given out on a Friday and will be collected in for marking on a Wednesday.** Each child will be issued with a pink homework book in which to complete the tasks.

**All children will also be expected to read at home to an adult every day for at least 10 minutes.**

The children will receive a planner/ diary in which you can record the days on which this has taken place. Children will receive house points for completing homework and daily reading and this will help them in their quest to be in the golden book.

### School visits

The residential visit for Year 6 will be taking place from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October until Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> October. There are still places available should you wish your child to attend – please contact us if this is the case and we can discuss it further. We will be staying at Winmarleigh Hall which is in Preston, Lancashire. It is a PGL outdoor activity centre that will provide the children with engaging, unique experiences. More details and packing lists will be provided shortly.

In keeping with this half term's values focus – community- we may also take the children out for visits within our local community. Permission for this will be requested in a future school letter.

#### SATs

Throughout the year we will be providing additional information about the upcoming SATs (May). If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to see copies of previous SATs papers, or the Age Related Expectations (ARE) for Year 6, then please do not hesitate to come in and ask.

#### New school website

The school's new website went live last week, and can be found at: <http://academystjames.com>  
Key information can be found on the website, and we will continue to add to it.

Should you have any further questions about any of the above, please contact us either at the Year 6 entrance or via the office and we will arrange a time to discuss them with you.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs D. Langley and Mr C. Brownsell