

For the parents and carers of children Pine Class – Year 6 - 2024

A warm welcome to the new academic year!

I would like to begin by welcoming you and the children back to school for what promises to be an exciting school year. As a school we have made some changes to the way we deliver the National Curriculum. I would like to use this opportunity to briefly outline what some of those changes are and how these will affect you and your children.

For this academic year, Year 6 will be taught by myself in a newly renovated classroom. Unlike in previous years, the children will remain with me throughout the day. I will be delivering Maths, English and Guided Reading on the morning, the first session known as Basic Skills will be delivered by the Deputy Head Teacher, Mr Churchill, whilst I teach Year 2 phonics. The purpose of Basic Skills is to revise key concepts to prevent them becoming a barrier for learning. The afternoon sessions will be taught by me with the exception of **Tuesday afternoon** when Mrs Kirkwood will teach PSHCE and Music.

To that end, this means that for the children in Year 6 the following information is particularly important.

- 1) Mrs Kirkwood will deliver PSHCE and Music on a **Tuesday afternoon**.
- 2) P.E. will take place on a **Thursday afternoon**. Please can you ensure that your child has the appropriate P.E on this day. Please ensure that jewellery is removed and that earrings are removed or appropriately covered before attending school.
- 3) More information regarding homework will follow in the coming days as this is currently under review.
- 4) Class Dojo is currently being updated and this should be completed soon.

I am extremely excited to commence teaching your children this year. I want each and every child to enjoy school as much as they can and progress in every way that they are able. Should you require any assistance or have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office or via Class Dojo so we can work together to address any issues or concerns you may have.

Warmest regards,

Miss O'Neil and Mrs Kirkwood