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Welcome to Year 6

Staff in our classroom

- ▶ 6L - Mr Leech with Mrs Riordan & Mrs Rushmere
- ▶ 6S - Mr Jones with Mrs Mitchell

- ▶ Headteacher - Mrs Machin
- ▶ Deputy Headteacher - Miss Woodward (on maternity leave)
- ▶ Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Cooper & Miss Sitkowski
- ▶ KS2 Leader - Mrs Cooper

School routines

- ▶ **Start to the day:** We have a flexible start to the school day with children arriving from 8.40 am onwards. We ask parents to use the 'drop off point' on the main drive from 8.40 am onwards. There will be members of staff on duty and volunteer Year 5 and Year 6 children (Playground Pals) to walk your children round to their classroom.
- ▶ If your child is late for any reason, then they must go to the front office with yourself and be signed in. ***Please do not knock on any of the external classroom doors.***
- ▶ If you need to get any messages to the school please do so before 2.30pm e.g. pick up arrangements.
- ▶ **End of the day (3.10 pm):** please wait on the front playground but away from the classroom.

School routines

- ▶ All children should bring their water bottle into school filled with water and only water. Children can fill this up at breaks and lunches.
- ▶ Children are encouraged to use the toilet at break and lunchtimes; this is to avoid wasting valuable learning time.
- ▶ If at any point you need to pass on information or discuss an issue about your child, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance and they will arrange a convenient time to meet with you. Teachers will aim to see you as soon as possible. If you just want to leave a message this can be written on a message slip available at the school office.

Religious life of our school

- ▶ Monday - Gospel assembly
- ▶ Wednesday - Key Stage assembly
- ▶ Friday - Pupil of the week assembly
- ▶ Children have the opportunity to visit the chapel with their class as part of class worship

How can you help us

- ▶ Please ensure all clothes, lunchboxes etc are clearly marked with your child's name. Check this regularly to make sure the name has not faded or washed away.
- ▶ As the weather becomes colder/wetter please ensure that your child has a warm coat and suitable footwear. They can wear wellingtons or boots to school but they must change into shoes once they come into school.
- ▶ If you are driving to school, please park away from the roads leading directly into school and walk the rest of the way.
- ▶ Do not park in a way that upsets the local residents.

Behaviour management

- ▶ We want our school to be a safe and happy place so that all children can learn and do their best and we work hard in helping them to understand the part they have to play in this. Wherever possible we make a point of noticing when children are doing the right thing and we praise them so they know we have noticed.
- ▶ When children's behaviour in lessons distracts others or interrupts learning we tell them that they need to stop and we remind them of what they should be doing. We use a card system similar to that used in football as a visual reminder.
- ▶ Please speak to the teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns

Uniform

- ▶ We have our uniform policy on the website so take a look.
- ▶ Plain studs for earrings.
- ▶ No nail polish.
- ▶ Long hair tied back.

PE days and Kit

- ▶ Children wear their PE kit on the two days a week they have PE.
- ▶ In Year 6L, this is Thursday and Friday
- ▶ In Year 6S, this is Tuesday and Friday.
- ▶ No earrings.

Year 6 Curriculum

	Advent	Lent	Pentecost
Topics in History & Geography	The Home Front (WW2)	Rainforests / The Ancient Mayans	Russia
Science	Light / Living Things	Evolution & Inheritance / Animals, inc. humans	Animals, inc. humans / Electricity

- ▶ We also continue to cover a range of topics through weekly lessons in:
 - ▶ RE
 - ▶ Music
 - ▶ PSHE
 - ▶ French
 - ▶ PE
 - ▶ Computing

Maths and English

- ▶ We follow the National Curriculum.
- ▶ We have daily Maths lessons that cover Number, Calculations, Fractions/Decimals/Percentages, Geometry, Ratio/Proportion, Algebra and Statistics topics.
- ▶ We have daily English lesson that focus on key composition, grammatical, spelling and transcription skills.
- ▶ We have daily 30 minute whole class Reading lessons.
- ▶ These are based on high-quality, age-appropriate texts, including:
 - ▶ The Indian in the Cupboard, Carrie's War, The Explorer, The Nowhere Emporium, The House with Chicken Legs and Secrets of a Sun King

Homework

- ▶ Daily Reading - children are expected to read daily at home.
 - ▶ We encourage their banded book but all reading is good reading.
- ▶ Times Table Rockstars - children are expected to do this each week
 - ▶ Times tables are the key to mathematical fluency.
- ▶ Maths - MyMaths will be set as is appropriate and will be based upon the children's learning in school.
- ▶ Spellings - these will be set via Purple Mash (children will be familiar with this system).
- ▶ After Christmas we will use the CGP SATs books for Grammar and Maths.

Online Safety

We love the internet. Children can **play, learn, create and connect** with people from all over the world – opening up a plethora of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, we need to make sure that we keep our children safe.

At St Louis, we take the safety of our pupils very seriously and this includes their safety while they access the internet. Online safety is an integral part of children's education in today's digital world and is embedded in their learning at school.

In school we have robust systems in place for monitoring and filtering.

Children follow the SMART rules within lessons and are quizzed throughout computing lessons to check their understanding.

- They are taught the importance of reporting anything that doesn't feel right.
- They do not use devices unsupervised at school.

We suggest that you have the same conversations with your children at home.

1. What parental controls do you use?
2. It's important to remember that the legal age to have an account on most social media - Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, TikTok & Snapchat - is 13 years old.

We recommend you have a read on the NSPCC website about their keeping children safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

They also have article <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>



Secondary Transfer

- ▶ 12 October 2023 - Secondary Transfer Test results (11+)
- ▶ 31 October 2023 - deadline for secondary school applications

- ▶ In the Summer Term, we liaise with the secondary school that your child is going to in order to support a smooth transition.
- ▶ Your child will also be invited to a transition day(s) in July.

Key Stage 2 SATs

- ▶ Children will sit the Key Stage 2 SATs in the Summer Term.
- ▶ Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May 2024
- ▶ The children will sit:
 - ▶ Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (SPaG)
 - ▶ Reading
 - ▶ Maths (3 papers)

Residential

- ▶ Monday 10th June to Friday 14th June 2024
- ▶ Boreatton Park, Shropshire
- ▶ Rock climbing, zip wire, shooting, giant swing, canoeing, kayaking, orienteering etc

Questions?