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Welcome back, Year 6!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the final third of the academic year, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support throughout what has already been a busy and successful Year 6. It's hard to believe that two-thirds of the year have already flown by!

This half term, we will be preparing the children for their End of Key Stage tests, which will take place during the week beginning Monday 11th May 2026. The children will be taking their tests from Monday 11th May to Thursday 15th May. We will support the children to feel ready to demonstrate everything they have learnt during Key Stage 2. Throughout this week and in the weeks leading up to them, it really is vital that all children are in school on time every day. The children will need to be alert and refreshed so it is really important for them to have enough sleep. Please encourage your child to turn off devices at an appropriate time in the evenings to get some much-needed rest. The tests can be tiring for the children.

We'll be holding our free breakfast club from Monday to Thursday of test week so that all Year 6 children can come into school early, settle down to a hearty breakfast and enjoy a chat with their friends and teachers in a calm and stress-free environment. We hope that all the children will take advantage of this.

Later in the half term, the children will be starting work on their topic: Dragonology. This will be inspired by a range of texts that we will read together in class. We are hoping that this topic will spark the children's imagination, curiosity and creativity! The children will become artists and design their own dragon. We have been very impressed with the children's enthusiasm for art this year and we cannot wait to see what the children create!

Homework will continue to be set weekly. Taking responsibility for their home learning is an important aspect of learning to be ready and organised, skills that should help the children to prepare for the transition to secondary school. If children would like help with their homework, they need to seek support before the deadline.

The expectation that children read daily at home continues. Please record the following information into your child's planner: the title of the book they are reading, the page numbers read, and your signature. There are numerous benefits to reading regularly. It can really help develop children's reading stamina as well as widen their vocabulary. By supporting their reading, the children can continue to collect their stars in their planners to receive a reading reward. Thank you in advance for your continued support with this.



PE continues to be on Thursday. Please ensure that your child has both outdoor and indoor kit to change into and that all jewellery (including earrings) is removed. Long hair must also be tied back. Children must have a pair of trainers for PE that are not the shoes they wear to school. Can we please remind you that the only logo permitted is our Fairisle logo. This has been our uniform policy for many years. It is in place to ensure that PE kit is affordable and every child is equal. We have a wide range of kit available for sale at the school office. We make no profit on this whatsoever. It is vital for your child to have the correct kit for PE. If they do not, they will not be allowed to participate in the lesson and will remain in class with their teachers. Thank you for your support with this.

We are really looking forward to the end of year events we have planned and we know that the children are too. Thank you all for paying the £35 deposit. The final balance needs to be settled by Friday 19th June 2026. Remember that it's not too late to set up a payment plan. Please see the office if you would like to do so. Later in the half term, we will be inviting you in at the end of the school day to try on the hoodies with your child before ordering a size for them. We'll write to you with details nearer the time.

We're really looking forward to the start of the summer term. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Please get in touch if you have any questions at all by writing a note in your child's planner or contacting the office.

Best wishes,



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