

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Year 6!

I hope you all had a brilliant summer and that you and your families enjoyed some fun and relaxation. I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with your child this year. It has been lovely getting to know the class the last few days - they are a really lovely group. We have had a super start to September already; the children have particularly enjoyed producing some beautiful artwork and meeting and looking after their little buddies.



Staff

We are fortunate enough to continue to have the help of Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Fray and Mrs Prescott in class several times per week. Mrs Williams will teach PE on Monday afternoons, and Mrs Palf will teach music and French on Wednesday afternoons. Together, we aim to give your child a fun and challenging year that is rich with different learning opportunities.

Curriculum

During the autumn term, our history topic will be about World War II. I have attached a topic web that will enable you to see in greater detail the learning journey your child will be undertaking across the rest of the curriculum. We will be learning the year 6 National Curriculum objectives and also going over those that children may not be as confident with from previous years.



PE

The children's PE session is currently Monday afternoons. Please make sure that your child keeps their kit in school and that every piece of clothing is clearly labelled with their name.

Homework



It is my aim that every child in the class will achieve as many Rockstar Times Tables awards as they are capable of, and be able to speedily recall the times tables up to 12x12 as soon as possible, so please encourage your child to work on them at home! We will have a short times table quiz each Thursday morning. Spelling tests will be on Fridays, so if you are able to help your child with them, that would be really useful. English and Maths homework will be set on Fridays, due in the following Wednesday unless stated

otherwise. This will begin this week. Creative learning log homework will be given out around once a half term. Children will have around a fortnight to complete these, and they will replace English homework for those weeks.

It would be great if children could continue to be encouraged to read anything and everything as much as possible at home and record it in their red reading diaries, please, at least 3 times a week. They may change their books whenever they are ready.

Over the summer, children were encouraged to take an 'extreme reading' picture. If these can be brought in soon then we can add them to our display – thanks.



## Secondary school

Parents and children from Frodsham CE will be invited to an open evening at Helsby High School on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October, and the secondary school applications closing date is the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## SATS

The children will have the opportunity to show off all their hard work and learning from primary school during the week of 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May. Children **must** be in school this week. I will hold a short, informal parent information meeting in the new year, but if you would like to hit the ground running with your child and do some additional work, the CPG revision books (available at [www.cgpbooks.co.uk](http://www.cgpbooks.co.uk) and [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)) are really good. I will try to organise an order with a discount in early 2024.



## Conway Centre

As you are probably aware, year 6 usually attend a week's residential at the Conway Centre in the summer. We are booked in this year during the week of 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May, right before half term. It is an absolutely wonderful visit which I have had the pleasure of leading several times in the past

(and also many times in my childhood and teens!) Although we do not yet have the exact cost for this year's residential, last year it cost £414. This will give you an approximate idea and we will let you know shortly when you can start paying instalments on ParentPay. If you have any worries with regard to paying for this visit then please feel free to contact myself or the school office.

## Other dates

You are warmly invited to attend our class assembly at 9:05 on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Hopefully you have seen the BikeRight e-mail and will give consent for your child to participate in that course (beginning straight after half term). I am in the process of organising a World War II related trip soon, and in the spring/summer terms, a visit to another religion's place of worship. I am hoping to put on an end of year production (17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July) and leavers' service (23<sup>rd</sup> July) – more details to follow nearer the time.

## Paternity

You may have heard that over the summer, my wife had our second son - Jacob George Coates. He was born on 25<sup>th</sup> August weighing 8lb and he, Mrs Coates and big brother Isaiah are doing well. I wanted to



come to school this week to meet and greet the class and begin to set rules and routines, so I am going to take the next two weeks as paternity leave. I will be back on the 25<sup>th</sup> September, and in the mean time, Mr Fenton will look after Year 6.



## Concerns

Thank you in advance for your support this year. Together with the other members of staff, I look forward to working with your child and yourselves to help them achieve their potential. If you have any concerns or queries, please email or phone the school office to arrange a convenient time for a chat.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Coates