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Dear Parent/Carer,

A warm welcome back to all children and parents! It is lovely to see all the children back in school after the summer break. We are so pleased with the way the Year 5/6 children have settled back into school. We are looking forward to another fun-filled, exciting year of learning.

The children are at the heart of everything we do. Your child's welfare and learning are extremely important to us. If there is anything that you think might be affecting this as the year progresses, then please speak to your child's class teacher. Our partnership with parents/carers is vitally important. Given the challenging curriculum- particularly in reading, writing and maths- the positive involvement of parents/carers in their child's education is crucial in order to give them the best possible start in life. The transition from Year 4 to Year 5 can be challenging for some children. Year 5 and 6 requires children to take greater responsibility for their own learning. They must be organised, resilient and independent.

If you have any specific questions you would like to ask your child's class teacher, please ring or email the school office and their class teacher will reply to you as soon as they can.

Meet the Teacher

We are running a 'Meet the Teacher' session, **straight after school on Monday 9th September in Oak Class**. This is not a parent's evening (which we will have next month) but, rather, just an opportunity to see your child's classroom, put a face-to-a-name of their teachers if you have not yet met them, and to ask any questions that you have.



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Homework

Each week, children will be expected to: read to an adult at home at least three times (and record on Boom Reader); complete at least 10 sessions on Times Table Rockstars; learn their weekly spellings; and complete **either** a Maths task **or** an English task (it will be Maths one week, English the next).

Spellings will be issued for the first time next Friday (13th September). They do not have spellings this week.

Children will have received homework for the first time today. Spellings will be stuck into their spelling books; the Maths or English task will be stuck into their homework books **both books will need to be brought into school every Friday.**

Your child's class teacher will check each week that your child is completing these important activities. The national expectation is that children will know all their tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. It is therefore vital that if your child does not know their tables, they learn them as quickly as possible.

For children who are finding homework difficult, we have a Homework Club every Wednesday lunchtime in Maple Class. Children can attend the club as often as they wish and do not need to attend the club every week.

If there are any questions about homework, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Reading



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We ask that you continue to hear your child read at home to support their enjoyment of reading. Even if they are a fluent and expressive reader, hearing your child read even for 5 minutes is still important. Asking your child questions as they are reading will continue to enhance their understanding of the text and develop ideas for their writing. Our top five questions are:

1. What does this... word/phrase/sentence... tell you about... character/setting/mood etc?
2. The writer uses words like ... to describe What does this tell you about a character or setting?
3. What's the main point in this paragraph?
4. Can you explain why...?
5. Why did the author choose these words? Will that influence how the story develops?

Each class has a reading reward scheme which your child has already been made aware of. Please ensure that you support your child in updating their Boom Reader app each time they read (your child will bring home a letter about Boom Reader and how this will work). We are focusing on reading for pleasure – to encourage the children to be life-long readers. On occasion, we would like you to read aloud to your child. This gives the children the opportunity to hear fluency and expression from an adult; we will also regularly read aloud to all children in school.

PE



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Your child should **come into school in their PE kit on the days they have PE.**

In Year 5/6 this term, this is a **Friday each week.**

Wherever possible PE lessons will take place outside unless the weather conditions make it dangerous to do so; please ensure on PE days your child brings a waterproof coat and a change of socks with them to school. PE is a statutory requirement for all children so it is important that all children take part every week. If there are any medical issues which mean your child cannot take part in PE or problems with your child's PE kit, then please contact the school.

PE kits should consist of:

- Red or white t-shirt (plain or with school logo)
- Navy or black skirt/shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- Plain white or black trainers/pumps

Totally plain t-shirts, shorts and tracksuit bottoms can be found in local supermarkets. Please do not send your child in branded clothing for PE.

If PE is outside and it is cooler, pupils can also wear a navy or black sweatshirt (or their red school jumper).

School Uniform

All children should come to school in the school uniform stated in our School Uniform Policy. If there are any questions regarding this, please contact the school office.



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Walking home consent

A letter came home with your child earlier this week. Please ensure you complete the consent form if you would like your child to walk home from school on their own – we appreciate that many of you will have completed this form in previous years but, as many children have changed class and because circumstances for some families will have changed, we would be grateful if you could fill in and return the form again.

Arriving at school no earlier than 8.40am

If your child walks to school on their own, please ensure they do not set off too early. We are not insured to have unaccompanied children in the playground before this time. Thank you for your understanding.

Harewood House Roman Trip

All children in Year 5 and 6 will attend a school trip to Harewood House on Wednesday 4th December. The children will have the opportunity to learn about the Romans whilst visiting the house and gardens. A letter with more details about the trip, including costs and payment methods will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.



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Kingswood Residential Trip

The Year 6 children are due to go on their residential trip to Kingswood on Wednesday 21st May until Friday 23rd May. Please contact the school office to find out your outstanding balance or with any issues regarding payment. Further information about the site is available at: <https://www.kingswood.co.uk/locations/dukeshouse-wood>

Once again, thank you for your continued support of your child's education at Bilton Grange Primary School.

Yours sincerely

The Year 5/6 Team



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