



# Greenfields Primary School

Year 6  
Mrs Pearce  
Mrs Dupree  
Mrs Cochrane  
Miss Smith

September 2023



# High Expectations



- ▶ Being an example to other children at all times
  - ▶ Uniform (black trainers if trainers are being worn)
  - ▶ Behaviour
  - ▶ Manners
- ▶ Excellent standard of behaviour expected
- ▶ Commitment to learning (within and outside school)
- ▶ Independence – preparation for secondary school
- ▶ Year 6 responsibilities



# Uniform



- ▶ Greenfields jumper/cardigan and uniform as in school policy
- ▶ black shoes  
(can change into trainers for break / lunch times)
- ▶ No jewellery other than watches and small stud earrings (will need to be taken out or taped over for PE)
- ▶ Expected to have shirt tucked in unless at break
- ▶ Please call or send note for that day if uniform / PE kit not full and correct



# PE kit



PE is on a Tuesday and Friday.

Children should wear PE kit to school on these days

- ▶ Dark coloured shorts *and/or* tracksuit bottoms
- ▶ Trainers
- ▶ School house colour T-shirt
- ▶ PE shorts (not short shorts)
- ▶ Hair will need to be tied back



# Attendance



- ▶ Avoid absence (unless absolutely necessary) and holidays
- ▶ No absence during SATs week (13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024)
- ▶ If your child is absent – please phone school on first day absent where possible and send a note on return
- ▶ School starts at 8:40am with tasks set from this time.



# Communication



- ▶ Please do speak to us through the year about your child or with any questions or concerns you may have
- ▶ Please speak to one of the Year 6 team, call the office or send a note with your child if they:
  - have been absent
  - are unable to do PE
  - have a problem with their uniform
  - have a medical/other appointment during school time that can't be rearranged

*(please let us know in advance about appointments)*
- ▶ For other messages/information the homework diary could be used – just remind your child to show us!
- ▶ PLEASE CHECK class email regularly



# Reminders



- ▶ Permission to walk home form needs to be filled in
- ▶ Mobile phones – only if absolutely necessary
  - Only if they walk alone
  - Must not be used on the school grounds
  - Must be signed in at start & out at end of the school day  
(box for all valuable items e.g. phones, house keys)
- ▶ Bikes and scooters not to be ridden on school grounds
- ▶ Equipment needed every day:
  - ▶ Homework diary and homework
  - ▶ Reading book and reading record
  - ▶ Spelling book

\* PE kit should be worn to school on Tuesdays and Fridays \*



# Learning in Year 6



- ▶ Very busy and challenging year ahead for all children - increased demands of curriculum
- ▶ Children encouraged and supported to take lots of responsibility for their learning both within the classroom and at home
- ▶ Teachers are 'guides and support' along each child's learning journey to give direction but the children should drive their learning & show the commitment and effort to succeed and make progress





# Curriculum



Topics this year:

- World War II, Crime & Punishment
- Our Future World
- Journeys
- A range of exciting books in English
- Very practical, hands on Maths lessons
- Will be a focus on reading and writing
- Big focus on independence for secondary school



# Homework



- ▶ Homework a recap of what children should already know
- ▶ If homework is not done on time, they will catch up during their own time (break or lunch)
- ▶ Every child has homework diary which they are responsible for filling in – time given in school to do so



# Homework



- ▶ Homework for year 6:
- ▶ Reading – reading records checked every week
  - ▶ Children need to read 4 times a week to you
  - ▶ They record reading themselves: book name, date, pages read
  - ▶ Please ask children questions about what they are reading
- ▶ Online tasks (TTRock Stars, Read Theory, Purple Mash)

<u>Monday</u>	Brain Trainer Spellings (test on Friday)
<u>Tuesday</u>	Brain Trainer Read Theory
<u>Wednesday</u>	Brain Trainer Maths
<u>Thursday</u>	Brain Trainer Topic
<u>Friday</u>	Brain Trainer (including Saturday and Sunday)



# Importance of reading with your child



- ▶ Reading to your child is one of the most powerful things you can do
- ▶ Just 10 minutes a day can make a huge difference to children's academic outcomes
- ▶ Reading books for pleasure helps contribute to the wellbeing of children
- ▶ Reading the same text supports reading fluency and helps develop and build vocabulary and understanding. Rereading a text gradually increases the number of words children can read 'at a glance'. Children will sound like story tellers and will grow in confidence.
- ▶ Look out for the reading with your child booklets, which will be posted on our app



# SATs



- ▶ Test week: 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- ▶ Monday English – Grammar, punctuation and spelling test
- ▶ Tuesday English – Reading test
- ▶ Wednesday and Thursday Maths – one arithmetic paper  
- two reasoning papers
- ▶ Science – tested in sample of schools only
- ▶ Writing – teacher assessed and moderated based  
on assessments made across year

We will meet about SATs week nearer the time



# How can I help my child?



- ▶ Attend school - on time and ready to learn
- ▶ Regularly discuss your child's learning in all subjects
- ▶ Ensure homework is completed - support and work with your child where possible/needed
- ▶ Encourage additional learning at home:
- ▶ Practising x tables and mental maths (e.g. playing card/domino/dice games)
- ▶ Share reading experiences with your child and discuss them
- ▶ Rehearse spellings and investigate these
- ▶ Build vocabulary
- ▶ Encourage & support children in exploring extra questions posed in class
- ▶ Discuss and explore the world around them



# Year 6 information



- ▶ Children may also make notes of info. in homework diaries which can be used as means of communication with children responsible for showing to adults as they will not be checked regularly by staff
- ▶ Messages / letters sent via Piota App
- ▶ Newsletters from Mrs Day
- ▶ Payments made online
- ▶ Check class email
- ▶ Other information is available on school website
- ▶ Follow us on Twitter





# Secondary Transfer



- ▶ Applications by 31<sup>st</sup> October (system is open)  
([www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions))
- ▶ Secondary schools will have open evenings
- ▶ Children & parents are welcome to speak to us but the school has no involvement, recommendation or influence in process
- ▶ Allocation day is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023





# Trips and Key Dates



- ▶ Trips to Uxbridge Bunker (September 20<sup>th</sup>) and Lincolnsfield Centre (September 21<sup>st</sup>) this term, with other trips planned throughout the year
- ▶ Year 6 residential to Willow Tree (June 11-14). Cost roughly £175.
- ▶ Year 6 will be leading a Remembrance assembly for the school (09.11.23 10:30)
- ▶ Please start sending in glass jars for the Remembrance Assembly



# Willow Tree

