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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer break with your child/children and are now secretly enjoying the peace now they have returned to school! It's been really lovely having them back in class again and having that buzz of the classroom once again. I am really excited about teaching once again (and for a whole year this time – hopefully!) and feel privileged that I have them for their final Year at Mill Lane.

Now that your child is in Year 6, I would like to pass on some information about activities, homework, and expectations.

School Day

The school day starts at 8.45am and Year 6's are expected in school for a prompt start as many of the key interventions will begin at this time. If your child brings a mobile phone with them, they must bring this to the classroom to be placed in the locked cupboard. The Year 6 finish time is 3:15 pm.

Year 6 are permitted to walk home or to the school car park by themselves provided I have received a letter of consent from a parent/carer. I know most children already have permissions, but if you intend for your child to walk from school on their own and have not yet said permission, please send written permission to me via the Class 6 e-mail – class6@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk or, complete the form below.

Curriculum

This term our topic is Crime and Punishment. We have a very exciting trip organised for the children to the Oxford Court House and Oxford Castle for November 3rd. Other events will include a visit from the local police, who will discuss life as a police officer, and Mrs. Bird's daughter has very kindly offered to come and talk to the children about her role as a forensic scientist and how DNA is used to solve crimes. Further details on all these events will follow nearer the time.

PE

Year 6 will be having a PE session on a Tuesday and a Friday afternoon each week. As restrictions have eased, children can now get changed for PE at school. We are therefore asking that your child **brings their PE kit on a Tuesday and a Friday** to school to get changed for their lesson. Where possible, PE will be outdoors so please ensure your child has suitable clothing for outdoor PE. Just a reminder about PE clothing. T-shirts/tops should be red or white and shorts or tracksuit bottoms should be black. No football kits please.

Classroom Equipment

All the resources that they will need (exercise book, pencil, handwriting pen, whiteboard, whiteboard rubber and pen, glue stick) will be provided on their table. If your child wishes, they can bring their own pencil case to school, this will be kept in their tray but can be used during most of our lessons. All PE kits, coats and bags will be kept in the cloakroom. Due to limited space, please be mindful not to bring anything unnecessary.

Homework

Homework in Year 6 will be **set on a Friday and due on a Thursday**. If there are any issues with your child completing their homework on time, please email me before the due date. (There is no homework set this week).

In Year 6, it is still important for children to read every day, they must consolidate and extend their basic skills, become fluent, confident readers, build a vocabulary of words and concepts, and most importantly be able to comprehend increasingly sophisticated texts. It is a transition from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn'. This term, we will be trialing a programme called Reading Plus which develops the skills they need to become proficient readers. This programme is specifically designed to prepare the children for the end of KS2 reading assessment. More details of this programme and how this can be used at home will follow next week.

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home, they will be given the opportunity to choose books from our library to read at home and in school. **They are able to earn their Reading Awards** and unlike in earlier year groups, they are able to fill out their reading diary themselves but we do ask that parents sign this once a week to keep that school/home communication. We have introduced a new reading scheme into school to which the children will have a specific book allocated to them that matches their reading ability. Again, details of this will follow next week.

Children will be set weekly maths or English homework which will be linked to the area we have worked on in class during that week. Spellings will no longer be given out as homework as we are implementing a new scheme in school which the children will be following in class. Details of our new spelling and reading scheme will follow shortly.

In addition to this, a Topic menu of activities linked to our Crime and Punishment topic will be set. Please see attached. Children may choose which activities they would like to complete from this menu and are expected to complete at least 5 activities before the end of our topic (by Christmas). This Topic homework will not be due weekly so children are able to spend longer on the projects they have selected. **Topic homework may be handed in or shown to the class at any time during the Autumn Term.**

If you or your child have any further questions, please contact me on the class email or I will be available after school.

Kind Regards,

Miss Moseley

Year 6 Permission to walk home alone

I give permission for _____ (child's name) to walk home/to an arranged meeting place on their own after school.

Signed: _____ Date _____

Please return to Miss Moseley. Alternatively, send written permission to the class e-mail: class6@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk