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'walk as children of light'

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Autumn Term 1 of Year 6! We do hope you've all had a wonderful summer; we are looking forward to the exciting year ahead of us. The whole team, here in Year 6, are very much looking forward to helping your child excel and reach their full potential and welcome any communication from you.

Our first term involves lots of learning in relation to 'World War II'! Children are more than welcome to bring in any books or resources from home based around the topic... but please make sure these are clearly named or labelled.

Week to week a few things will be the same within our class. Here is a breakdown of the important things parents/carers need to know on a day to day basis:

School Day	Start Time: Children to arrive at 8:40 - lessons begin at 8:50. End Time: Children are to be picked up from the gates (or walk home with consent) at 3:10 .
Behaviour Expectations	We set high expectations for all of our children, in how they behave in and around the school, as well as the work they produce. We expect our children to be 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' as a minimum expectation.
Homework	Year 6 homework will be set on a Wednesday . This all needs to be completed and handed back in on the following Monday . (Please see the 'Homework Expectations' on the inside cover of your child's homework book)
PE	PE will take place on a Friday afternoon, please ensure your child(ren) come dressed in their PE kit on this day.
Reading	Reading at home is a real passion of ours. We would love all of the children within Year 6 to read 5 times per week to an adult outside of school. You are able to document this in the children's yellow reading records, whereby we will keep a close eye (Monday-Monday) and any children fulfilling this task will be rewarded with a point towards their reading awards.
Healthy Snacks	We encourage your child to bring a healthy snack to school to consume at morning break. This will help to keep their energy up and provide fuel for activities throughout the day. We are asking for your assistance in helping your child to plan and pack the appropriate snack - e.g. fruit, vegetables, hard boiled eggs, yoghurt.
Twitter and Facebook	We endeavor to regularly update our social media pages with updates and images of what we are up to in school. Please follow us either on Twitter (@HardwickePrima1) or on our school Facebook page.
Appointments	We do ask that you please inform school of any appointments and that, where possible, try to book outside of school time.
Communication	Please do not hesitate to contact us throughout the year. As always, we will be available on the playground every day after school or able to be contacted via phone through the office/admin team. If you feel the need to speak to someone other than your child's class teacher, the next communication line will be via our KS2 Lead (Mrs Walpole) or if you feel you need to speak to our leadership team you can email (SLT@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk).

At present we have two exciting trips planned: our **WWII Experience Day at GWSR on Wednesday 19th October** and our **residential at Condover Hall, Wednesday 24th May - Friday 26th**.

Part of Year 6 also surrounds the children's **SATs** (Standard Assessment and Tests). The Year 6 KS2 SATs will be administered from **Monday 8th May to Thursday 11th May 2023**. Additional information will be circulated later in the year.

We are looking forward to another exciting school year and cannot wait to share this with all of the children!

Kindest regards,

Miss Crisp, Miss Cook, Miss Shapland, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Barr and Mrs. Thomas

