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Year 6 – End of KS2 Curriculum and Celebrations

As we approach our final few weeks with our current Year 6, ahead of them transitioning to their chosen secondary school for Year 7, I wanted to write to you to inform you of our plans for your child's final curriculum aims and forthcoming celebrations.

Sports Day

As mentioned in my previous letter to you, our Sports days have been organised in class groups for this academic year. Today, Mr Doughty's class have celebrated Sports day and tomorrow it will be the turn of Miss Myatt's class. For the pupils in **Mr Woodward's class**, their Sports day has been rescheduled to **Monday 28th June**. On this day, pupils from Mr Woodward's class may arrive to school in their PE kit and wear it for the duration of the day.

Transition to Year 7

The arrangements for this transition process will vary, depending upon the chosen secondary school that your child is attending. On **Thursday 24th June**, all pupils currently in school, will move to their new classes for the day. On this day, the 55 pupils due to attend Kingsmead, will also be out of school on their transition visit. For the remaining Year 6 pupils, Mr Woodward's class will remain with him and will be taught in the KS2 Hall. Mr Woodward will meet and greet his class on the basketball yard (nearest to the school field) at 9am, on that day. The pupils remaining in school from Miss Myatt's class will be taught by Mrs Rock, who will meet the children in the KS2 library. They should enter school through the KS2 Hall door (close to Katie's garden) at 9am. For the pupils remaining in school from Mr Doughty's class, they will be taught in the KS1 computing suite by Miss Pearsall and Miss Andrews. They will be met on large KS2 playground at 9am by Miss Pearsall. Please could a packed lunch be provided for all Year 6 remaining in school, for this day. If your child qualifies for a free school meal then a school packed lunch can be ordered on that day.

Year 6 Young Enterprise – Busy Bees Brochure

This week, your child will be bringing home a brochure of some wonderful products that they will be designing and making, for you to order and purchase. Each product is of high quality and each Year 6 class will have conducted lessons about product design, marketing, publicity, budgeting and finance, profit and loss as well as the actual planning and making. This year, the Year 6 theme is Busy Bees, with an emphasis on garden and home ornaments.

As you will see from their brochure, you will have the opportunity to purchase an insect bee hotel (£2), a soft animal 'plushie' toy (£1), a bee garden decoration (£1), a shaped home/garden ornament (£1), a miniature painted insect pebble (£1). As detailed in my previous letter to you, the success of our enterprise relies heavily upon the purchases made by yourselves. All monies raised, once expenditure for resources have been deducted, are spent on a class reward, that will be received before the end of term. It is hoped that enough money will be raised for us to hire an ice-cream van to visit in the penultimate week of the term. Products will be made to order, so returned brochures are needed.



The Lady In Black – Workshop

On **Monday 5th July**, I have arranged for a visitor to come into school to deliver a PSHE and Relationships workshop. The aims of this workshop are as follows:

To recognise there is great diversity within the Muslim community, both globally and within the UK

To address and break down stereotypes of Muslims

To challenge any misconceptions about the religion

To express one's own opinion and listen with respect to different points of view.

Following on from the positive feedback from our Year 6 pupils (after their wellbeing workshops) I felt that this would both complement our school aims in promoting British Values - particularly respect and tolerance – as well as it providing a positive link to our Religious Education curriculum and our healthy relationships curriculum.

Healthy Relationships Education

The focus in primary school should be on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to friendships, family relationships, and relationships with other children and with adults. The Relationships Education, RSE, and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019 have made Relationships Education compulsory in all primary schools. Sex education is not compulsory in primary schools and the content set out in this guidance therefore focuses on Relationships Education. The content set out in this guidance covers everything that primary schools should teach about relationships and health, including puberty. The national curriculum for science also includes subject content in related areas, such as the main external body parts, the human body as it grows from birth to old age (including puberty) and reproduction in some plants and animals. It will be for primary schools to determine whether they need to cover any additional content on sex education to meet the needs of their pupils. It is important that the transition phase before moving to secondary school supports pupils' ongoing emotional and physical development effectively. The department continues to recommend therefore that all primary schools should have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. It should ensure that both boys and girls are prepared for the changes that adolescence brings and – drawing on knowledge of the human life cycle set out in the national curriculum for science - how a baby is conceived and born. As such, Five Ways have made the decision to include the menstruation cycle, the human life-cycle and 'the changing body' into our Relationships curriculum. No content relating to sexual relationships will be covered in our Year 6 curriculum. All content taught will be taken from our Science curriculum, and as such no permission from parents will be necessary. All content of these lessons will be made available on your child's Google Classroom Workspace so that you can see exactly what has been taught. This will be available to view **from Friday 9th July**, ahead of lessons taking place during the **week commencing Monday 12th July**. Should you still have any questions that you would like answering, you can direct them to me through my email address:

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Final Week Celebrations

This is the part of the letter that you have all been waiting for. Information about how your child will be celebrating their final week (and a half), here at Five Ways.

Leavers' Video

Year 6 are currently in the process of making a Leavers' video of memories and achievements. It is hoped that this video will be ready to be placed on the school website, ahead of the final week in school. As this is a unique opportunity to be part of a special Leavers' video, I am asking for all parents to confirm that permission is given for your child to be involved. No names will be made visible on this video. Please could you complete the slip at the bottom of this letter, to state if permission is granted.



Celebrations

On **Thursday 15th July**, on the original date for the Prom organised by parents, we will be holding a Leavers' Award Ceremony in the KS1 Hall. **At 9am, Mr Doughty's class** will arrive to their classroom as usual and will then be escorted up to the KS1 Hall, where they will walk through a balloon arch into their Leavers' ceremony. Mrs Fuller – our Deputy Headteacher – will be on hand to take photographs and both myself and Mrs Mander will join Mr Doughty as he presents his class with a personal award certificate. Should parents wish to stay to take photographs of their child arriving to the Hall they may do so however, parents will not be able to attend the awards inside the building. **At 10am, it will be the turn of Miss Myatt's class**, and at **2pm it will be the turn of Mr Woodward's class**. Parents wishing to attend to take photographs may arrive at 9am, 10am and 2pm respectively. The children will be outside the main entrance office for approximately 15 minutes, having their photographs taken. Pupils will remain in school after their Award Ceremony and will be dismissed at their usual home time.

It is my understanding that due to Mr Boris Johnson's Government announcement yesterday, a delay of lifting lockdown restrictions has been made and this will be reviewed again ahead of July 19th, therefore the Year 6 Prom organised by parents has unfortunately had to be cancelled/postponed. For further information about this, please make contact with Mrs Kim Cole – the organiser of this event – and not the school office. Mrs Cole can be contacted through Facebook: The PTFA Group for Five Ways.

A rescheduled date has been set for Wednesday 21st. Please await details from Kim Cole and Amy Grundy (Year 6 Parents organising this event.)

On **Monday 19th July**, I have arranged for three large inflatables to be erected on the school field: an obstacle course, a human inflatable table football, and a human demolition. These inflatables have been hired for the whole day and each class bubble will be allocated a separate time to enjoy all three. For those pupils preferring to abstain from the obstacles, I have arranged for large playground games to be delivered also, such as Giant Connect 4 and Giant Jenga. I for one am very much looking forward to this day. On this day, pupils may wear their PE kit for the duration of the day.

On **Tuesday 20th July**, we would like to invite all three classes back to school at **4:30pm**, for a socially distanced disco on the school field. Class bubbles will remain in three separate areas on the school field however, they will all be enjoying the disco at the same time. Following on from the disco, the children will make their way into the KS1 Dining Hall for a Leavers' meal, followed by a class team quiz. In keeping with Government guidance, our dining facilities already allow for each class bubble to be seated at a social distance. It is appreciated that some disappointment may be felt by the children, with the cancellation of their Prom therefore, as a gesture of good will and a genuine wish for the Year 6 to have a memorable last few days at Five Ways, **no cost** will be charged for the meal or disco. The evening will end at **6:15pm**. Your child will need to be collected from the exit door at the back of the KS1 Hall – no child will be granted permission to walk home alone at 6:15pm.

Please note: should the weather be forecast for rain on Tuesday 20th July, then the meal and disco will need to take place over two days (**Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th**) so please keep Monday and Tuesday after school free, for that eventuality. Should this be the case, Mr Doughty's class will be invited for their meal in the KS1 Hall at 4:30pm, followed by a disco in the KS2 Hall and Miss Myatt's class will be invited for their disco at 4:30pm in the KS2 Hall, followed by their meal in the KS1 Hall. Both classes will need to be collected at 6pm from the respective Hall. Mr Woodward's class will be invited to attend their disco and meal on the original evening of Tuesday 20th July, starting with their disco in the KS2 Hall and ending with their meal in the KS1 Hall - no child will be granted permission to walk home alone.

On **Wednesday 21st July**, it is the final day of primary school. On this day, it will be a non-uniform day. It would be lovely to see Year 6 wearing their Leavers' Tee-shirts and/or hoodies, should they choose to. Mr Doughty, Miss Myatt and Mr Woodward have planned for a fun last day and will communicate these plans with your child, nearer the time.



It has been an absolute delight and pleasure leading the Year 6 team this academic year. Your children have been a huge credit to themselves, you and Five Ways and I wish them every happiness as they continue their academic journey into KS3. I am also delighted to be reading so many wonderful school reports, written by your child's classteacher, documenting their many achievements this year. Although official SATs results have not been gained this year, I can confirm that Teacher Assessment judgements have been made and these will be communicated in your child's school report. Of course, the End of Key Stage 2 is not all about SATs results, it is also a celebration of the well-rounded, young people that your children have become and I am certain that you will be filled with a huge sense of pride, come the end of this academic year.

Once again, I hope that the information contained within this letter brings you reassurance and joy about the final experiences that we have planned for your children.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J K Jones
Assistant Headteacher / Year 6 Leader

PERMISSION SLIP – YEAR 6

LEAVERS' VIDEO FOR USE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Name of child	
Class	
<p><u>Please tick one box to indicate if consent is given for your child to be included in the Year 6 Leavers' video for the school website:</u></p> <p><u>I do give permission:</u> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><u>I do not give permission:</u> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
Name of person with parental responsibility	
Signature of person with parental responsibility	

