

**General Information: Year Six**

Dear Parents

Welcome to Year Six at JESS! Detailed below are some general points of information about the arrangements within the year group.

**Arrival / Departure at School**

Classroom doors will be open from 7.40 am. Children from Year 3 upwards may be dropped off at the clearly marked 'drop off' zones around the school to walk into school. Registration will take place at 7.50 am. In the event that you are bringing your child to school after this time, please let the primary office know that your child has arrived so the class register can be suitably amended.

Children in Year 6 are permitted to walk to and from school providing a permission slip has been received. If you wish your child to walk to school please request a slip from the primary office.

School finishes for all Key Stage Two children at 2.20 pm, unless the child has an activity. If you are unable to collect your child, please inform the class teacher about alternative arrangements. A note in the homework planner is sufficient.

**Break / Snack Times**

Key Stage Two Children will have two breaks in the school day. **Children are required to wear hats in the outside play areas.** Break is followed by 'snack', which the children eat in the classroom. Each child must bring his/her own non-spill, refillable water bottle as they are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Sweets, fizzy drinks, glass bottles, zip top cans are not permitted.

Please ensure that your child's lunch box is clearly labelled with their name and class. As certain children may have allergies to particular food items, we do not allow the sharing of food. Nuts **must** be avoided.

**Uniform and Equipment**

All children are required to wear school uniform. It is extremely important that all these items are clearly marked with the child's name, in order to avoid confusion and loss of uniform items. Naming of **all** uniform items, shoes and bags is necessary.

Earrings and nail polish are not permitted at school. Girls with long hair must wear it tied back. Blue or JESS hairbands only to be worn. Boys are not permitted to have long hair; collar length is the maximum length allowed. Ankle length socks (white for girls, navy blue for boys) should be worn.

As the weather cools down children may wish to wear the school sweatshirt or cardigan. This must be navy blue – no zips or hoods are permitted. These items are available from our uniform suppliers.

For P.E. the children wear white shorts and T-shirt with the 'JESS' logo in the appropriate house colour. (This stays the same throughout their time at JESS). They also require an extra pair of socks. A school swimming costume should be worn with a swim hat in the appropriate house colour. Towel and flip-flops will be required.

The house colours are as follows:-

**Lanner – yellow      Saker – red      Merlin – blue      Peregrine – green**

**\*Please note these are 'house' colours and are not linked to class colours**

The following equipment is required and should be brought to school on the first day.

- Painting apron/shirt, P.E. kit, swimming costume and hat - **all should be clearly labelled**
- Only blue ink pens, fountain, cartridge or blue roller pen
- A calculator, protractor and ruler
- Coloured pencils

**The following is required for home use:**

- A dictionary (available for **home** use)
- Glue (for **home** use)

### **Reading**

It is important that children read at home every day; in Year Six we recommend that children read for at least 15 minutes either independently or to you. Homework / reading diaries should be signed daily by a parent; these will be checked weekly by the class teacher.

### **Homework**

In Year Six there are one maths homework and other English, science or creative homework to be set for 3 other days per week. Although we appreciate that children work at different rates, homework should take no longer than 45 minutes.

### **Parent/Teacher Liaison**

Teachers are usually available informally at the beginning and end of the day for short messages or questions. Should you need more time to speak to the teacher, please arrange a mutually agreeable time. If you need to see the teacher, but do not normally deliver or collect your child from school, please telephone the school office and an appointment will be arranged for you.

We request that you inform the school officially, if your child is absent from school at any time other than the normal school holidays. If your child is ill, please inform the school nurse on **04 422 4618** on the first day of absence.

If for medical reasons, your child is not able to attend the swimming lesson, then a letter is required to qualify this.

We hope you will find this information of use and wish you all a successful year.

Yours sincerely

**The Year 6 Team**