

# MONKTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely holiday. Welcome to your child's first term in Year 6. The children have returned in good spirits and ready for the term ahead. I will be working very hard to ensure that their final year is successful and also that they have a smooth transition to secondary school. This year will certainly fly by!

As well as working hard, the children will continue to develop the skills and attitudes necessary to be successful both in and out of school. These include personal organisation skills, resilience and determination as well as the ability to work and play collaboratively; respecting both classmates and adults. There will also be lots of exciting opportunities this year including our residential to Wales, further details regarding trips and visits will be sent out separately. The children will also have the opportunity to represent the school in a range of sporting events throughout the year.

Mrs Porter will teach on Thursday afternoons. She will teach French, RE and PE. In terms 1 and 2. Our PE lessons will be on Monday and Thursday for both terms 1 and 2. As always, please ensure your child has appropriate indoor and outdoor kit at school. We always strive to do outdoor PE whatever the weather, so tracksuit bottoms and a warm top are essential. Football T-shirts are not considered part of our PE kit. As we will also be taking part in the Golden Mile challenge, it would be best for the children to keep their kit in school for the week.

As you will be aware, this is SATs year for the children. They will have 3 written tests in maths, 1 in reading, 1 in spelling and 1 in grammar. The standard of the children's own writing will be teacher assessed throughout the year using a variety of examples from their books. Science is continuously assessed by myself.

With a view to developing the children's personal organisation skills, the children will have homework diaries. These follow a similar format to those used at secondary school. The diaries need to be signed by you and there is a space for comments. Please ensure that homework is handed in on time and that the children's diaries are signed. I always encourage the children to plan their time carefully and not leave homework until the last minute. They are told to see me as soon as possible if they are having problems or need more explanation. Homework will be handed out each Friday and needs to be returned by the following Thursday. There will be weekly spelling assessments and these will take place on a Monday morning.

I would also appreciate your help in encouraging the children to read regularly and record progress in their reading records.

If you have any concerns or queries, do not hesitate to contact me. I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and thank you in advance for your support with your child's learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Helen Hughes

Class Teacher