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Year 6 changes and events for the end of term

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. We have been so proud of the children and the way they have engaged with their statutory tests last week. They have worked hard and we were very pleased with their resilience throughout. Results of the tests are sent to schools 8th July. Your child's results will be downloaded and sent out to you on the 9th July with their annual report. Just know that your child has tried their best and we couldn't have asked any more of them.

As we reach the half term holiday, I wanted to inform you of some important changes that will be implemented after the holiday for our Year 6 students as part of their preparation for transitioning to secondary school. These changes are in response to feedback from discussions with staff from the local secondary schools. We introduced similar changes last year with year 6 and had great feedback about the readiness of our children from secondary colleagues.

One of the changes concerns the students' stationery requirements. From now on, children in Year 6 may bring their own small, sensible pencil case to school. Our aim with this change is to develop the children's independence whilst giving them the opportunity to take responsibility for their own equipment. Their pencil case should contain essential items such as a pencil, rubber, and a blue or black ink pen. They do not need items other than this. Please note that biros or gel pens will not be permitted. It is essential to emphasise that the responsibility for the upkeep and safety of this equipment lies with the students. Any inappropriate or distracting items found in the pencil case will be asked to be left at home and may be confiscated for the day until home time. For those who choose not to bring personal equipment, the school will continue to provide the necessary stationery.

Furthermore, there will be changes to the weekly timetable to mirror the secondary school model more closely. Different subjects will be taught at various times throughout the day. This adjustment aims to better prepare our Year 6 students for the structure they will encounter in secondary school. Students will be given this timetable so they can follow it throughout the day and a copy of this will come home to you in the first week back. PE days will not change.

Lastly, the homework schedule will also see a modification. Instead of the previous short weekly reading and maths tasks, students will now be assigned weekly reading alongside a small daily task. This task should be completed for the following day allowing students to develop a routine of regular and manageable homework assignments. Tasks will not last longer than half an hour. For those students who do not complete their homework tasks, they will attend a lunchtime learning session. This mirrors local secondary expectations if homework is not completed.

These changes have been carefully considered to enhance the educational experience of our Year 6 students and facilitate a smooth transition to secondary school. Your support and encouragement in helping the children adapt to these adjustments would be greatly appreciated.

Transfer day 27th June 2025

You should have received information from your allocated secondary school as to what is required on transfer day. You should follow these arrangements. Usually, they are at the secondary school

most or all day. Your child is not expected at Heathlands that day unless they are transferring out of area or do not yet have an allocated space.

Mrs. Harris and Marie our family support worker have begun transferring any pastoral information to the secondary schools already and this is followed up at the scheduled BCP wide event in June. All data regarding academic achievement will transfer automatically from here straight to the new school.

End of term farewell events

As we move toward the end of your child's time in primary school, we always aim to ensure they have time to reflect on their time with us and have extra treats towards the end of term.

Leavers assembly – **Friday 18th July** at 1.45pm – parents and carers are invited to join us for this. This is always a lovely reflection on the end of their primary school experience and a good way for them and you to say goodbye. At the end of the assembly, you are free to arrange and take photos with other parents of any friendship groups. You may only take photos with other parents/carers permission. During this assembly, leavers will be presented with their leaver's gifts, class hoodies, which have been ordered and paid for by the PFA. The rest of the school will be joining us and we very much hope you can too.

Leavers BBQ – **Monday 21st July** 3 - 4.30pm children stay in school and we have a class BBQ with staff and then the annual class versus staff water fight! Children should bring a change of clothes ready to get very wet! They may also bring a medium sized super soaker if they have one. If your child does not want to participate in this part they can sit out and try to keep score! We will talk to the children about requests for BBQ food later in the term and we shall also make sure we have a farewell cake for dessert. This event usually finishes around 4.30pm. Children who usually walk home can do so unless you would prefer to come and collect them at that time. If you usually collect your child, please do so at 4.30pm.

Non -Uniform Tuesday 22nd July, children are welcome to wear non-uniform to school. It is usually on this day that children bring a plain white school shirt or t-shirt for staff and friends to sign and say goodbye. School finishes at 1.15pm on this day.

Finally, we know that some of you as parents may be anxious about your child moving into secondary. If this is the case and you wish to talk about this further, Marie, our family support worker would be pleased to talk through any concerns you have.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education. We look forward to their final 8 weeks with us.

Best wishes

Janine Harries

Miss Janine Harries
Headteacher