



Welcome Back to Year 6!

Dear Parents and Year 6 Children,

Firstly, we would like to say how lucky we feel to be able to teach your children for their last year at Warren Park – it really is a special year. We will do our best to make sure that their time in Year 6 is both challenging and enjoyable, and we hope that by the time they leave us in July, they will have many special memories to take with them.

There are a few details for this year that we'd like to let you know about:

UNIFORM

We look forward to seeing all the children looking fresh and smart in their school uniforms this year, and we aim to maintain the good start throughout the school year. With secondary school and their clear expectations around uniform on the horizon, we will be challenging any children who seem to be repeatedly without the correct uniform. Of course, we are sympathetic to any breakfast disasters or washing machine malfunctions but it is easy to fall into bad habits, and we will be vigilant to ensure everyone is looking super smart in their uniforms this year.

Can we also take this opportunity to remind you of our school policy on jewellery: We only allow one small pair of stud earrings. Sleepers, dangly earrings, cartilage and nose studs are not permitted for health and safety reasons. We also ask that children do not wear make-up, false eyelashes or false nails whilst in school. This is also in line with all our local secondary schools and will be the expectation for Year 7.

Please look at the school website or contact the school office with any queries.

PE INFORMATION

Our outdoor **PE** afternoon is on a Friday and our indoor PE afternoon is on a Monday. We would ask that the children continue to wear their PE kits to school on both days. Their PE kit should consist of a pair of shorts whilst it's warmer, and then a pair of tracksuit bottoms or leggings for colder months – either in grey, blue or black. An ordinary school t-shirt and jumper will be fine for them to wear on the top. **We ask that PE kits remain in school colours only.** Football kits, colours other than blue/black/grey bottoms / white tee-shirt and clothing with motifs or labels are not acceptable PE kit. Suitable trainers for PE should also be worn, too. We would also ask that the children do not wear **any** jewellery on their PE either.

HOME READING

Your child has a new **Home Reading Record** for the year. As we did last year, we kindly ask that these Home Reading Records are carefully looked after when they are at home – along with the reading book that they will accompany. The school has made a huge investment into reading books over the last few years and we ask you to value the books at home as much as we do in school. Please be assured that we will be working hard to make sure the children begin on a suitable book band colour, especially to encourage fluency and confidence to begin with. These bands will be under regular review so don't be surprised if they seem to move quite quickly through the colours this term! We ask that Home Reading Records come in only once a week, on a

Friday, when they will be checked and signed off in the normal way. The expectation from us is that the children read a minimum of three times a week at home. If, for any reason, you feel this is not achievable at home, please let us know as soon as possible.

MOBILE PHONES

We appreciate that as the children are getting older, many of them are walking to and from school alone. It is completely reasonable, therefore, that they should have their **mobile phones** with them for these journeys. We also understand that there may be other circumstances whereby you may feel it necessary to send your child to school with their mobile phone on a particular day. In all other cases, may we ask that children **do not bring their phones to school with them**. When arriving at the school gate, children's mobile phones must be switched off. They must then be handed directly into the office, where they will be kept safely until they can be collected by the children after the bell has gone at 3:15pm. The phones must remain switched off until they are out of the school gates. The children must not keep them in their own bag all day. We will be adhering to these rules stringently, and would appreciate your full support in this matter. Any deliberate attempts by the children to bend these rules will be dealt with in the most serious manner.

REWARD POINTS

We will be running a **Reward Points** system in Year 6 this year. The children will have the opportunity to earn **3 points per day** towards a reward treat or trip at the end of every half term. Authorised absences and holidays will earn **2 points per day missed**. And, of course, points could be lost for any behaviour issues, including use of unacceptable language. A 5-point star award is also on offer every day for outstanding contribution – this could be in class or it could be for exemplary behaviour or empathy. Although our ethos in Year 6 is very much based around the team, there is, of course, a chance that one or more children may not earn enough points to attend the reward trip. If this happens, they will be expected to remain in school with one of us for the day – and it is vital that you support us in this as we prepare the children for their transition to secondary school. Please ask your child to explain further, especially about some of the ideas they have had for rewards! And if you have any further questions regarding this matter, please come and talk to us about it sooner rather than later.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

I know it seems a little early to be mentioning it, but your child's **secondary school application** must be submitted by the end of October. You will be contacted, via letter, by the County Council about the process – it's all online now and very simple to complete. Failure to complete the form by the deadline will result in your child being allocated a secondary school place, potentially somewhere out of area, and also somewhere that you may be averse to. This can cause a lot of unnecessary anxiety for you, and your child, at the end of the year.

You do now, however, have the not so straightforward job of actually making the decision as to where you want to send them when they leave us. To help you in this process, the secondary schools usually hold a series of open evening events which you will be able to find if you look on

their websites. Over the past few years, we have had our children move on to many local secondaries. Schools you may wish to consider are: Park Community School, Havant Academy, Crookhorn College and Warblington School. This is certainly not the complete list of schools in and around the area. The Hampshire County Council website will provide you with further options should you require something different.

SUMMER TERM CELEBRATIONS

We know it may seem extremely early, but we understand that the end of year celebrations take a lot of forward planning! So far, we have no confirmed dates for our summer plans but as soon as we do have them, we will be sure to let you know.

We would like to let you know, however, that as you may be planning ahead, we will not be permitting the release of balloons on the school site this year. We are working increasingly hard to educate the children about their vital role in protecting the environment and, therefore, we must say no to this particular activity. Thank you for your understanding.

Key Dates:

- Park Taster Day: Wednesday 17th September (details to follow)
- **SATs Week**: Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May 2026

Our ethos in Year 6 is very much centred on ‘the team’. We do the great things together, we do the good things together, and we get the hard work done together. There always seems to be added anxiety around ‘expectations’ and ‘workload’ in Year 6...we would like to assure you that they are both urban myths! Of course, there will be challenging times when things get difficult – but there will also be many, many truly amazing times that will make life-long memories to cherish...

Finally, and as always, we are on hand if you have any queries. Please don't hesitate to contact us, however small you may consider your concern. See you soon...

With our best wishes,

Miss Rogers, Mr Pollard, Mrs Hayward & Mrs Eggby