



## WELCOME TO YEAR 6

Firstly, a huge welcome to our new Y6 pupils. We're really looking forward to sharing their very special final year here at Westfield. Year 6 is such a busy year and we have 'hit the ground running' with some lovely work already produced. What a fantastic start to the year – well done Y6.

### Our Y6 Team

As you will probably be aware, your child will work not only with one teacher – there are a number members of our fantastic Y6 team. Mr McEvoy, Mrs Hill and Mrs Douglas will be class teachers throughout the year. One of these teachers will teach your child for maths too. Mrs Moss, Mrs Alison and Mrs Holden work as our class TAs every morning. Miss Moss and Mrs Holden will carry out interventions, supporting children across Y5 & Y6 during the afternoon sessions. Our team is led by our phase leader Mrs Hill.

Unfortunately, Mrs Douglas will be absent for the first half term. We are delighted to welcome Miss Homer to the Y6 team who has recently moved to York from London. She's an experienced KS 2 teacher who has taught Y6 before, she has already fitted in well to the Westfield team.

As always, our fabulous Children's Champions are always around to help. We're lucky enough to welcome an addition to the team this year – Mr Hattam has joined the team and will be working alongside Mrs Eland. Mrs Benton and Mrs Hurrell are available to help and support your child too but are working mainly with KS1.

### Uniform

Our uniform policy has been updated. Please make sure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform every day.

Pupils are required to wear:

- Royal blue school jumper or cardigan – preferably with the school logo
- White or royal blue polo shirt with a collar (logo optional)
- Plain black or grey trousers, a plain black or grey knee-length skirt, or a plain black or grey knee-length pinafore dress (no leggings, jeggings, jeans or denim).
- Low heeled, plain black shoes or all black trainers (Canvas shoes, plimsolls, Ugg style boots and wellies must not be worn as part of school uniform).
- Our school jumpers and cardigans can be purchased locally from [Get Branded](#) at Clifton Moor, York. Alternatively, we can order these for delivery into school. Please speak to the office for further information.

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## What's happening in our class this term?

PE will take place twice a week. PE days are set but please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school every day, just in case we have a change to the timetable or an extra session. PE days are as follows

6RM – Monday & Thursday

6CD – Thursday & Friday

6SH – Thursday & Friday

For hygiene reasons, all children must change into a PE kit and not wear their school uniform for PE sessions. As you are aware, we have recently updated our school uniform policy and this includes PE kit.

Children must wear:

- Short sleeved plain white PE t-shirt (unbranded)
- Plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts
- Warm long sleeved black or navy sweatshirt or zipped hoodie for outdoor sessions
- A change of white socks
- Different trainers or plimsolls that are to be used for PE only (can be branded)

If you have any difficulties getting the uniform (for school or PE), please let the Children's Champions or us know so that we can help.

If your child wears stud earrings, they must either take them out or bring their own tape to cover them over. This is a health and safety priority as we do not want children to badly injure themselves as a result.

I am sure your child has informed you that they are now the proud custodian of a **Chromebook**. We are incredibly fortunate that each Y6 pupil has their own device to use in class. The children have had their initial training and are well on their way to becoming Chromebook experts already. These devices are truly brilliant for supporting work across the curriculum. The children are able to access their classroom areas both at school and at home.

After previous parental consultation, there is no 'formal' homework; however, **weekly spellings, timetable practise and reading** are still to be carried out. **Times tables** will need to be learnt off by heart and consolidated. The children can do this by accessing **Timestables Rockstars** online.

In our guided reading sessions, we take a whole class approach to teaching reading and comprehension skills. Some children will still have 1:1 reading with an adult alongside this. It is crucial that your child reads daily at home too – this could be their school library book, their own books, newspaper and magazine blogs etc. Please take the time to discuss what your child has been reading and log it in their reading record.

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Our topic this term is 'survival' which will be linked to the wider curriculum. As much as possible, the children's learning will be linked to this topic. We'll be looking at famous people from history as well as current explorers who have survived various troubles and turmoil to survive different situations. If your child wishes to carry out their own research at home, there will be starting points for learning loaded onto their Chromebooks which they have instant access too.

## Attendance

Attendance is extremely important throughout the year. Thank you for ensuring that your child arrives at school on time (by 8.50am).

## Final Note

Year 6 may seem daunting to your child, however, it is possibly the most exciting and memorable year of primary school. We have so much to look forward to and the year literally flies by. As well as working very hard, we try to make memories that will last a lifetime. There is already excited chatter about the residential trip to **Robinwood** and we have received more than a few questions about the **summer show**. In the meantime, we will be looking for children to take on responsible roles such as prefects, digital leaders and reading buddies. These are incredibly important jobs that are for our Y6 pupils only.

## Keep in Touch

Please follow our class on Twitter [@WfieldPrimary](https://twitter.com/WfieldPrimary) to find out what interesting things we have been up to in class.

We're all available for a quick chat in the playground every morning should you need to catch us. Alternatively, call or email the office to contact us with any queries or worries you/your child may have.

Kind regards,

*Mr McEvoy, Mrs Douglas and Mrs Hill*

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