



# ST. STEPHEN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

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**To all Parents and Carers**

## Welcome to Year 6 2016 -2017

On behalf of our team, welcome back! We have had a busy start to the term and the children are settling well into Year 6. Teachers have already been impressed with the work ethic and effort demonstrated by our pupils and we are delighted to have so many excellent role models in our year group.

### This year our staff are:

Mrs Chatfield – Cherry Class  
Mrs Skinner – Walnut Class  
Mr Martin– Spruce Class  
Mr May – Willow Class

### Teaching Assistants

Mrs Merryweather – Senior TA  
Miss Isaacs  
Miss Harrison  
Miss Lusby

### Our learning this term

We have lots that we will be learning about over the next few weeks. Here are some of the areas that we will be focussing on this term:

- In Science we are studying electricity. We will be building different types of circuits and designing burglar alarms for the classroom.
- In Literacy we are writing dramatic recounts. We will also be writing persuasive letters ready for the 'You're Hired' topic. This is an opportunity for children to apply (and interview!) for jobs and roles around our school.
- In Music we are developing our singing skills by listening and performing songs across a range of genres.
- In PSHE sessions we are considering the rule of law and democracy. Later in the term we will be moving on to look at e-safety and how to be responsible online.

### PE & Other Equipment

Please ensure that children have PE kit in school at all times. House T-shirts are available from the office if required. Children should also be responsible for their own possessions and bring their own equipment and a water bottle to school every day.

### Reading Diaries / Planner

Children are reading in school every day and reading diaries / planners should evidence that this is also taking place at home. Children are asked to complete their planners to show when and what they have been reading and these are collected and checked regularly across all classes, we ask that children read aloud to an adult at least three times a week at home. Please support your child by asking them about their reading, reading with them, listening to them read and checking and signing their planner on a weekly basis.



Times tables and spellings will be tested on a weekly basis and your child's score will be recorded in their planner to be shared with you. Spellings will include a 'rule' for the week as well as words from the statutory Year 6 list. Each week children will have a times table focus, please try to practice them as often as possible to support your child to continue improving their speed of recall.

### **The School Contribution**

This is due and is £24 for the year. This can be made in one payment of £24 or 3 instalments of £8 each. Please see the bursar for further details if necessary.

### **Key Dates**

Below are some key dates for the term:

19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	PGL meeting for parents – 6.00pm in the Year 6 Block to give details about the PGL Trip. The PGL Polo Shirts will be available to collect (cost of shirt is included in the price)
22 <sup>rd</sup> – 25th Sept	PGL
4 <sup>th</sup> October	PGL assembly 9.15
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Kent Test Results
20th October	End of Term

**We are looking forward to an exciting year in which we will help your child develop and grow in confidence and readiness for secondary school as well as acting as excellent role models for other children within our school. We appreciate your support in helping them to achieve their full potential in the coming weeks and months.**

Yours faithfully  
**Mrs Kate Chatfield**  
**Head of Year 6**