



St Thomas of Canterbury

Catholic Primary School

Executive Headteacher – Mrs. M Sanderson



Thursday 1st September

Dear families,

It was lovely to welcome the children into their new class today. This letter outlines some of the key information about Year 6 this year.

Staffing

Miss Bakewell will teach the class on Mondays and Tuesdays and Miss James will be teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Patterson is the class teaching assistant with Mrs Dickson providing additional support in the mornings and Mrs Stichbury in the afternoons.

PE

Our PE days will be Tuesday and Friday, commencing next week. The children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days (school logo PE top, navy shorts and plain black trainers). As we move into winter, the children may wear tracksuit bottoms instead of shorts; these should be plain navy. Longer hair should be tied back on PE days and earrings either removed or taped.

Equipment

Each child has a peg to store their belongings. Space in the cloakroom is limited so please only send small bags into school. There is separate space to store lunchboxes. Your child will need a water bottle in school daily. All the stationery and writing equipment your child will need is provided in school, however they may bring one, **small** pencil case if they wish.

Walking home

If your child will be walking home, please return the form sent out with this letter. If arrangements are different on any day, please leave a message with the office. Class teachers are not always able to check for Dojo messages before the end of the day.

We would like to keep the number of items brought to into school at a minimum, but if your child does walk to school and you feel they need to bring a mobile phone, please indicate your permission for this on the walking home form. The phones will be put into a box at the beginning of the day, kept in the classroom and returned to children at the end of the day.

Home learning

The children will be given a reading log and choose a reading book next week. They should use this to record their reading, aiming for a minimum of 3 lots of 20 minutes a week. They should record the name of the book, pages read and ask you to sign. If your child is a confident reader, they may prefer to read to themselves and then discuss their reading with you. Reading logs will be checked on a Monday.



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Good times table knowledge is essential in Year 6. The children should be regularly practicing their tables – just five minutes a day can make all the difference. They have access to Times Table Rockstars and their log-ins will be stuck into their reading logs. If you are unsure what tables your child should be working on, please ask. Other homework tasks will be introduced later in the school year in preparation for secondary school.

Communication

Thank you to all of you who have been engaging with Class Dojo; it has been great to talk to some of you before we even returned to school. This will continue to be our main method of communication. If you feel you need a longer conversation, please telephone the office and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

We are looking forward to working with you all over the next year.

Kind regards,

Miss James and Miss Bakewell

Year 6 walking home and mobile phone permissions

Please tick as appropriate and return to Miss James/Miss Bakewell as soon as possible.

I have agreed with my child _____ (name) that they will:

	Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thursday	Friday
Be collected by an adult from the school site					
Go to After School Club					
Walk home independently					

I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the school if the routine changes at any point.

I give permission for my child to bring a mobile phone to school.

I understand it must be switched off and handed to a member of staff in class.

Signed: _____ Date _____