

5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 6! I hope you had a lovely summer.

I am very happy to be teaching Year 6 this year and working in partnership with you to secure the best outcomes for your child.

## **PE**

PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday this term. Like last year, pupils are required to come to school wearing their PE uniform for the whole day. Please ensure your child follows the school uniform guidelines and wears the appropriate uniform, socks and shoes. We kindly request that each item is labelled with your child's name so that any missing items can easily be returned.

## **Homework Journal – Reading, Spelling and Maths**

Homework is an essential element of children's primary school education. It enables children to reinforce and further develop their learning at home by extending what they have learned at school. It also helps to prepare children to become independent learners and manage their own time effectively.

- Homework will be given to pupils every Monday and will be checked the following Monday. It should be completed in their homework journal and will incorporate Maths and spelling tasks.
- Each child is expected to complete daily reading (explained in-depth below).

## **Reading**

It is extremely important that your child reads at home **every day**, for a **minimum of 30 minutes**. Children should write a paragraph (at least 5 sentences) each time they read to summarise what they have just read. They should have 5 entries in their homework journal per week. **Reading is extremely important in Year 6** and their journal will be checked daily to ensure this is being completed. Each week, I will choose a 'Reader of the Week' based on their journals.

## **Spelling**

I will give the children their spellings on a Monday, to be tested the following Monday. Children can practise spellings by completing a spelling chart and writing one sentence using each spelling word. There are 15 words a week so they should write 15 sentences a week. This also helps the children to understand the meaning of the words.

## **Maths**

Maths tasks will support class-based learning and will allow children to practise the skills they have learnt throughout the week. This aims to support mathematical fluency.

## **Communication**

I will be available for quick discussions on the playground after school until the gate closes. If you require a longer discussion, please email the school office using [office@stbarnabasprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@stbarnabasprimary.org.uk). If required, the office staff can then arrange an appointment/phone call with me.

I am looking forward to a successful year together, further developing the children into independent learners who are ready to face the next stage in their academic lives. I will be in touch with any further information as it arises.

Best wishes,

Mrs Haverty