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Dear Parents

End of year 6 letter

Many of you (and your children!) have been asking about our plans for the end of Year 6. We hope that this letter addresses most of these things as we seek to give our Year 6 children the end to their primary school careers that they deserve – as well as one that will give them happy memories for years to come.

Assessments

Whilst SATS assessments have been cancelled for this year, we will still be holding assessments internally (along with all schools in our partnership). This enables us to have an accurate picture of the progress the children have made throughout their time at Standlake, as well as having correct and up-to-date information to pass onto their secondary schools. Our assessments will take place on the week of Monday 21st June and will be followed by ice creams at the park!

Transition Days

Plans for transition days are still fluid given the ongoing uncertainty over the government's lockdown easing roadmap and decisions made by the secondary schools. The Bartholomew School transition day is taking place on Thursday 1st July. The hope remains that this will be in person at Bartholomew, but we await final confirmation of this.

IMPS and RSE

We are pleased that the Injury Minimization Programme for Schools (IMPS) is still running this year. This teaches children basic first aid skills (such as the recovery position) and is delivered by trainers from the Oxfordshire hospitals. Our first session will be in person at school on Friday 2nd July and will be followed up by a session via Zoom on Monday 5th July.

Unfortunately, the school nurse team will not be delivering the Relationship and Sex Education programme this year. However, as they did last year, they have provided us with all of the materials for us to deliver the course in school. We will confirm the date and send further details out about this after half-term.

Leavers' hoodies

FOSS have again kindly agreed to purchase hoodies for our Year 6 leavers. The children have all chosen the colour of their hoodies and we would now like to know which size they all need. Please refer to the table below and complete the form on ParentMail. We will be placing this order before half-term.

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Children's sizes

Size	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL
Age	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-11	12-13
Chest	24	26	28	30	32	34

Adults' sizes

Size	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Chest	34	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	62

Residential

Following the cancellation of their usual Year 6 residential in February, we have been keen to organise a time away for Shakespeare Class this term. Given the current restrictions that we are working under, organising this has been very challenging, but we are delighted to have been able to plan a 2-night stay for the children at Hill End. The cost of this trip is £100. Without enough funds, the trip will not be able to go ahead. The trip will run from Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th June.

Whilst the activities are still to be finalized, we have no doubt that this will be a memorable trip for all of the children and give them the time away together that they are desperate for! In order to keep the costs down, we will be self-catering and asking you, their parents, to drop off and collect your children from the centre, to avoid the significant cost of hiring a coach.

We would also be very grateful to hear from any parents who would be willing to cook a meal for the children on one of the two evenings (Monday 28th or Tuesday 29th). Please come and talk to me if you would be kind enough to help in this way. This will save the children from having to survive on beans on toast cooked by Mr. Brown!

In order to confirm this trip with Hill End, we need a non-refundable deposit of £25, payable via ParentMail by Friday 28th May. The balance will be payable before 28th June.

Leavers' Day

The Leaver's assembly will take place in the morning of Monday 19th July – we do hope that you are able to join us for what is always a memorable occasion. The Year 6's will then be enjoying their 'Leaver's Day' treat. Exact details to be confirmed closer to the time.

Last Day of Term

The children's last day of term (and at Standlake Primary School!) will be Wednesday 21st July, finishing at 1:15 pm. As usual, the children will be able to bring in a T-shirt to be signed by their friends and teachers.

We do hope that you agree that the Standlake Primary School 'Class of '21' are being given a fitting finale to their primary school careers. As always, please do get in touch with me if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Mr. Brown