



Dear parents,

I am delighted to welcome you and your child to Willow class and hope you have had an enjoyable summer break.

Here are the arrangements that I think you will find useful for this academic year:

**PPA cover** (teacher planning, preparation and assessment time) will take place on Wednesday afternoon and Mr Barnard will be teaching the class.

**PE** - Tuesday and Friday will be our indoor and outdoor PE sessions (this can vary depending on the weather, so PE kits need to be in school every day). No jewellery is to be worn for PE so children need to remove ear-rings or bring surgical tape to cover them. All long hair must be secured neatly off the face for girls and boys during PE.

Indoor PE kit is a red, round-necked T-shirt, black shorts (not baggy shorts, for safety reasons) and plimsolls/bare feet.

Outdoor PE is a sweatshirt or jumper, black shorts, socks, trainers and black joggers for colder weather. Please label all PE kit with your child's name!

**Water bottles** – children need to bring in their school water bottle which is labelled clearly with their name. This can be kept in school during the week and should be taken home on a Friday to be washed.

If your child wishes to bring a healthy snack for morning playtime, please try to send this in a reusable box, as we are trying to reduce both litter and plastic.

The children will each have a locker for their PE kit, coat and any other belongings.

**Reading Diaries** - your child is expected to read an appropriately challenging text every night for a minimum of 20 minutes. As your child is in Y6 the majority of this reading should be carried out independently; however, it would still benefit them to read out loud to an adult (at least once a week) so that they can discuss the book and any unfamiliar vocabulary they come across.

Children are expected to write one detailed comment a week about their book and are also expected to keep a track of the pages they are reading during the week and weekend. The reading logs will be checked every Monday by myself and there is an expectation that they are filled in and signed weekly by an adult at home.

**Art shirts** – please may you send in an old art shirt for your child. It helps to protect school uniform when we are doing messier pieces of art work.

### **Learning logs**

The learning log homework will be given out on a Friday and is to be returned the following Wednesday. We would recommend that your child spends no more than an hour a week on their home learning tasks.

The words your child is expected to learn by the end of the year are in the front of their learning logs. Each week, your child will also be given a short list of spellings to learn – these spellings will be tested in school on a Friday (one week after receiving them).

Children are expected to know all their times tables by heart – please support your child in learning and practising these. We will do work/games in school to support the children in learning these.



# John Blow Primary School

Head Teacher: Mrs H Richardson

Please feel free to come and say hello before or after school, so I can get to know you as well as your child. If you have any queries, questions or worries, or want to tell me about an achievement out of school (learning takes place both inside and outside of the classroom – it is important to celebrate every achievement), please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Straw