

# Ovingham Middle School

Ovingham, Prudhoe, Northumberland, NE42 6DE

Headteacher: Mr A Bennett



18<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Year 6 Parent

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer break. The Year 6 pupils have settled back into school life and routine well and have made a fantastic impression so far – long may this continue!

I am pleased to see all of the pupils looking so smart in their uniforms and that they are all ready to learn with the correct equipment needed for each day.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce /reinforce some of the routines we have in Year 6.

## Organisation

Pupils should bring to school their pencil case, locker key, reading book and homework diary into school every day and their P.E. kit every Monday ready for the week. Please reinforce this with your child - we have had a lot of pupils without locker keys already!

The homework diary is an important method of communication between home and school, please can you sign your child's diary at the end of each week to show us you have seen the diary and any notes for that week.

## Homework

In Year 6, for at least the first term, pupils will only receive homework from English, Maths and Science. A homework timetable will go out to parents very soon. It is very important that pupils complete homework to the best standard they can and that they meet homework deadlines.

The homework that has been set has been selected carefully as either key learning needed for a future lesson or important consolidation of previous lessons. There are some subjects, especially maths, where the homework that the pupils hand in is the basis of a lesson in school and any pupils not handing in homework will be at a definite disadvantage.

Please encourage your child to come and ask for help, either at homework club or to their subject teacher if they are unsure rather than just missing out questions. In Year 6 we provide homework clubs every day from 12:30 – 1:00 where pupils can come along and do their homework and there will be support from a teacher if needed.

If your child does not hand their homework in on time we will put a note in their homework diary to inform you. If a child has three notes in their diary within a half term we will also send a more formal letter home.

Below are the links to the websites that the pupils use in school. These websites are sometimes used as homework or can be an important revision tool.

## Maths

[www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)

[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)

[www.supermathsworld.com](http://www.supermathsworld.com)

## English

[www.spellzone.com](http://www.spellzone.com)

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All pupils should have login details for these websites in their homework diaries.

## Behaviour

As a school we use housepoints as rewards for good work and behaviour. These housepoints are collected individually for pupils to gain milestone certificates, as a class to win the weekly housepoint cup and as a house to gain a special reward at the end of each half term.

In addition to housepoints Year 6 also runs a strike behaviour system. Pupils will receive a strike if they are late to a lesson, go to a lesson without the correct equipment, for not handing in homework on time or for poor behaviour. Any pupils that have three or less strikes in a four week period will receive an hour golden time where they can choose to watch a movie, play games or go outside.

Thank you for all of your support so far this year. Year 6 is a very busy but enjoyable year; we hope your child has a fantastic year with us. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with either myself or your child's form teacher if you have any problems or queries at all this year we are always happy to help.

Kind Regards

The Year 6 Team

Important dates for Year 6 Autumn Term:

Friday 28th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 10:00 - 11:30
Friday 26th October	Break up for half term
Monday 5th November	Return to school
Tuesday 6th November	Pastoral parents evening
Wednesday 7th November	Pastoral parents evening
Tuesday 13th November	Robinwood parents evening
Wednesday 28th November	Robinwood visit
Thursday 29th November	Robinwood visit
Friday 30th November	Robinwood visit
Wednesday 19th December	Year 6 Generation game
Wednesday 19th December	KS2 Carol Service 2:00-3:00pm
Thursday 20th December	Year 6 Cinema visit
Tuesday 8th January	Return to school

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