



Friday 20th February 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Year 6,

Welcome back! I hope you are all excited to be back in school. We have had an excellent first half to the school year and the children have made some amazing strides in their independence with a fantastic showcase to wrap up last half term! I am so proud of the Year 6 journey so far and can't wait to see what else the class achieve in the second half of this academic year!

Checking in

Our emotion check-in boxes remain available for the children to use each day. Towards the end of last term, many of the children felt comfortable asking for a quiet chat when needed, and I will encourage them to keep this up. We will also hold regular discussion times to discuss any stresses or concerns children may have, as well as to engage in lively debates about current affairs.

PE Sessions

Our PE sessions will continue to take place on Tuesdays, led by Miss Exley. The children looked very smart in their PE kits last term! For PE, children should wear black or navy trousers, a plain coloured top (white or blue), and their school jumper or hoodie. Please ensure that children arrive in school wearing their PE kit on Tuesdays.

Please note that as a one off, on the first week back, PE will take place on Wednesday. From the second week onwards, PE will be on a Tuesday.

As a reminder, here is the PE kit for all children:

- Plain or school branded navy hoodie/jumper
- Plain or school branded navy or white t-shirt
- Plain navy or black bottoms (leggings, jogging bottoms, shorts or skorts)
- White or navy socks
- Suitable footwear (e.g. trainers), with wellies brought in if needed for Forest Schools. The colour of footwear is not a concern on PE or Forest School days.

Homework

Reading

Remember, four 20-minute reading sessions each week will have the most impact on your child's progress.

Reading comprehension

This half term, we are introducing reading comprehension sessions on Fridays, featuring the book *Varjak Paw*. During these sessions, we will read a section and discuss comprehension questions, followed by homework that can be logged on their Boom Reader account as one of their four reads!

Maths

For Times Table Rockstars, homework will be set weekly from Friday to Friday. We will review progress on Fridays and award prizes and certificates. Our goal is for all children to achieve green status by the time they leave primary school.

Spelling

New spellings will be assigned on Fridays and tested the following week. Homework will be recorded in Graffiti Spelling Books, and children will have time in class each week to practise their spellings.

Getting in Touch

Please feel free to email me at KOCallaghanJames@Kingstoneacademy.co.uk with any queries or messages. If you would like to discuss anything face-to-face, please book an appointment with me directly or via the office.

Things to Bring to School Each Day

- Water bottle
- Waterproof coat
- PE kit (to be worn on PE days)
- Reading book
- Pencil cases
- Graffiti Spelling book

I look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday for another amazing half term!

Kind regards,



Mrs Kirsty O'Callaghan-James
Year 6 Class Teacher