

Monday 11th September 2017

Dear Year 6 Parents,

I am writing to give you some more information about what the Year 6 pupils will be doing during their Life Skills Week next week. This week has now become an integral part of Year 6 and the pupils will also take part in a residential trip at the end of the year, which you will be receiving a letter about later this term. It was felt that September through January is an important time for the Year 6 pupils, with many important things pending, and they should not be distracted from their academics by going away at this time of year.

The aim of the Life Skills Week is to give the children an insight into some skills that will be useful in life, in their many forms, as well as preparing them for what is to come regarding their impending senior school transfer.

Activities will involve a Young Enterprise 'Global Life' activity that we have run very successfully with previous Year 6 pupils. A former parent, Dr Karen Hope, will be running this workshop throughout the week, teaching the children about where everyday products that we use come from and how they get to us. They will also look at marketing strategies and plans, with the week culminating in a fantastic World trading game. **Please can all pupils come in on Monday with a non-perishable food item, as they will need this for the activity on that day.**

The children will also have lessons throughout the week on study skills. The study skills sessions will help the children to understand HOW they learn best and give them the tools to be able to learn and revise in the best way for their individual learning style. They will also look at themselves, personal health and World leaders.

We have visiting speakers, in the form of a local Police Officer who will speak to the children about personal safety and much more; and a local senior school Headteacher, who will be coming to speak to the children about senior school entry and the interview process. The children, at some point during the week, will then all go through a formal interview similar to what they might experience at senior schools when they visit.

The children will have their normal Games lessons on Monday and Wednesday, everyone will swim on Tuesday, as well as some additional morning fitness sessions. We will also be heading out to Lily Hill Park, Bracknell on Thursday to experience some orienteering and citizenship activities (for this the children will require **gloves, a hat/waterproof [weather dependent] and a packed lunch [no nut products]**). Please ensure that the children have their sports kit in school every day next week.

There will be no Chapel on Friday evening, so school will finish at 4:10pm that day. If you are unable to collect your child until 5:10pm, a holding session will be made available for them; however, I would ask that you please let me know by e-mail if you need them to stay on so that I can organise a drink and a snack for them.

The children will receive a full timetable for their week on Monday morning so please prompt them to let you have a look at it one evening during the week so that you can see what they are up to.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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