



# PARKLANDS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Walnut and Willow Classes

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here in Year 6, we are looking forward to the Summer term. In preparation for SATs testing and residential, we would like to inform you of the following:

1. The KS2 tests will soon be upon us. This year, they are from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**. On these days, we thought it would be nice for the classes to come in and have breakfast together ahead of the testing. There will be cereal, toast, yoghurt, fruit and a drink offered at the breakfast. We would like all the children to be in school between **8.00 and 8.10am**. They will need to come through the main reception and the breakfast will be located in Willow/Walnut classrooms. We will be registering the children promptly at 8.45am, so we can spend some time explaining procedures and allaying any anxieties. The school will pay for the SATs breakfast for the pupils.

**The SATs tests are a statutory requirement and your child needs to attend school.** If your child is unable to be in school on any day during this week, you must contact the school office promptly as alternative arrangements for sitting the tests will need to be made. Thank you for your support with this.

2. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, there are no SATs tests. The Year 6 team would like to celebrate all the hard work that your children have put into preparing and taking the SATs and so we will be doing a trip out to a local park for games and a picnic. Please can you provide your children with a packed lunch and drink (please cancel any hot meals for that day). PE will still go ahead in the afternoon on this day.

3. After SATs, we will then have residential to look forward to in June. The residential trip is taking place at Avon Tyrell (<https://www.avontyrell.org.uk/>) in the New Forest from **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**. The last instalment for the trip is due in May and we kindly ask that you check on the online system that you are up-to-date with the payment schedule. On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, the children will be expected to arrive at school at the normal time with their luggage. We will then leave school at approximately 10:15am and travel to Avon Tyrell by coach. **The children will need a packed lunch and drink for this day.** We will return from Avon Tyrell on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June **at 2.00pm and ask that you arrange for your child to be collected at this time.** The kit list for the residential is attached at the end of this letter. **We will be running a parents' meeting to give you all the final information about the residential on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May in the school hall at 3:30pm.**

Please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher if you have any questions about SATs or residential.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 team



### **Kit List**

- Water bottle and small backpack to carry around
- Sun cream and sun hat (all children are expected to wear a hat and use sun protection cream if it is hot as they are outside all day)
- Swimming costume and t-shirt
- Wet shoes or old trainers, or similar, to get wet during water sports (not crocs, flip flops or open toe sandals)
- Set of trainers to use on land
- Enough changes of clothes for the duration of the visit and spares with comfortable trousers and jumpers – it can be cold in the evenings during the summer. We recommend at least three different sets of clothes!
- Long sleeved top - some activities require long sleeves and long trousers (children will not be allowed to participate if they only have short sleeved tops)
- Sleeping bag and pillow (Last year, it was very hot in the day but temperatures dropped at night and some of the children were cold so an extra blanket is recommended and warm PJs)
- Camping mat
- Spare underclothes
- Nightwear and wash bag. The children may want to bring crocs/flipflops for the showers)
- Two towels
- Torch
- Books and playing cards etc
- Waterproof coat and trousers (this is very important as ALL the activities are outside and will go ahead even in the rain)
- Cameras (optional – the school cannot take responsibility for the loss or damage to these)
- No MOBILE phones
- Insect repellent also named (roll-on if possible)
- Bin bags/plastic bags for wet and dirty clothing
- **Any medication needed (all medication must be in its original packaging, clearly named and with instructions and handed to Parklands Staff at school on Tuesday Morning) Children should not carry any medication.**

### **Please note**

- Please supply OLD clothes as they are likely to get dirty or possibly wet depending on the weather.
- Please name or mark clothing and possessions! There is always a lot of lost property at the end of camp!
- Avon Tyrell provide all safety and water equipment, such as climbing harnesses and wet suits.
- Please DO NOT bring any valuables, electronic games, hairdryers, mobile phones or tablets. There are no electrical sockets in the children's tents and any mobile phones etc brought will be removed by staff and kept safely to return at the end of camp.
- The children do not need any EXTRA food and there should be no sweets etc in the tents as it attracts animals inside.
- There is a gift shop where children can buy small gifts such as magnets, key rings, etc. Please do not bring more than £5.00. The children themselves will be responsible for this so please send it in a named purse and perhaps in small change