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## **Santiago and Denver Classes (Year 6) - Term 5 (Summer)**

**Friday 21st April 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and we hope you all had a relaxing, enjoyable and chocolate-fuelled Easter break!

### **This term**

This is an incredibly important term for Year 6 children - for many reasons. Firstly, they will have their SATs (Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May). The children have worked really hard throughout the year and will be able to approach the tests with confidence knowing that they are ready. We're really proud of their efforts throughout the year and know that many of the children will really enjoy the challenge of the tests. After the tests, we will be making further contact with the secondary schools to arrange times for them to come to Oakhurst and meet the children. We're also very excited to be able to announce that we will be putting on a Year 6 production in the final term. After being unable to hold performances for the last few years, we're very much looking forward to performing again. We are also arranging a range of exciting activities for the Year 6 children, the dates for which are at the end of this letter.

This term, we will be continuing to develop the children's English and maths skills and along with the usual subjects, our cycle of subjects will go back to history and art.

### **Strike action**

As you know, we have both supported the NEU strike action earlier in the year. The next two dates for strike action have been announced but given their close proximity to the SATs week, we have both made the decision to not strike on these occasions.

### **Homework**

At the start of this term, we will be continuing the same homework routine as last term. The children will continue to use the CGP homework books for Reading, Maths and Grammar and will be set tasks every Friday (to be completed and brought in by the following Wednesday). They will also continue to receive their personalised spellings that they should practise and learn throughout the week. Their arithmetic homework tasks will continue to be set each week on a Monday (to be completed by the following Thursday). This is to help to practise, consolidate and secure their learning.

After the SATs tests have been completed, we will continue to set homework to help prepare the children for secondary school in organising their time and managing their belongings. The homework will be different from earlier in the year, with more opportunities for research and creativity.

### **Reading in Year 6**

We continue to promote the importance of quality reading and have carried on exploring some age-appropriate texts through our guided reading. Each day, we are giving the children ten minutes of independent reading time to help promote the joy of reading. Although we appreciate reading may not always be supervised, as children in upper Key Stage 2 become more independent, reading regularly is still paramount for your children. Your child should read at home every evening for a minimum of 15 minutes.



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If you are looking for some quality reading material, the 9-12 section of the Waterstones website has a fantastic selection, with blurbs and reviews for the children to get a feel for the books. We are also more than happy to give you recommendations - we love talking about books!

## **PE**

PE will continue to take place on a **Wednesday** on a **Friday afternoon** with the class teacher. As they have done so far, children must wear their kit to school on PE days. Please take note of the weather on these days as we anticipate (or hope!) that it will begin to warm up soon. On sunny days, we encourage children to put sunscreen on before they come to school and advise wearing a cap to keep the sun off their heads and faces. Pupils with long hair must have it tied back for PE and where possible, earrings shouldn't be worn to school on PE days.

In addition to our PE in the summer term, there is also going to be the opportunity for those children who have not met the Key Stage 2 requirements in swimming to attend some swimming sessions. The dates for this are below and more information will be sent out in a letter in the near future.

## **SCHOOP App**

Letters and updates will continue to be sent by Schoop. Please ensure you have the correct class selected.

## **Important Year 6 dates**

As we move towards the second half of the year, there are several events that are specific to Year 6 and we wanted to give you as much notice of the dates as possible. In addition to these, you should have received information from your child's secondary school about the dates for their induction days. There are quite a few dates towards the end of the year in July. More information about the events will be sent home nearer the time.

- Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May - Key Stage 2 SATs
- Wednesday 14th June - Junior Good Citizen event (more details to follow)
- Monday 3rd - Friday 7th July - Sports Week
- Monday 3rd - Friday 7th and Monday 17th - Friday 21st July - swimming sessions
- Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th July - Year 6 production (evenings)
- Friday 21st July - Year 6 ten pin bowling (daytime)
- Monday 24th July - Year 6 Leavers' party (evening)
- Tuesday 25th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (morning - parents and families welcome)

If you have any questions about any of these events or about your child undergoing SATs and about how to prepare them for it, please feel free to get in touch by emailing [admin@oakhurst.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oakhurst.swindon.sch.uk) .

Any questions or problems, please contact the school and one of us will get back to you as soon as we can.

Kind regards,

*Mr Mead and Miss Teague*