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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term at St. Catherine's in Buzzards Class.

Please find attached an overview of the main topics and subjects we will be covering in the class this term, as well as a copy of your child's timetable.

Mrs Crump will be helping support Buzzards Class this year. If you need to speak to us please catch us on the playground in the morning or leave a message in the office for us to contact you.

Year 6 children have a very busy timetable each day involving recapping spelling and times table knowledge, developing reading skills, English and Maths lessons linked to specific units, and foundation subject lessons. We try and make cross curricular links wherever possible and the National Curriculum objectives for Year 6 and Key Stage 2 are covered over the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few of the expectations that we have in Buzzards Class.

- ❖ At the moment the school day begins at 8:50 am promptly and concludes at 3:30pm. Please follow current guidelines for drop off and pick up.
- ❖ Please encourage the use of the 'home reading diary'. The children *must* record their daily reading in the home reading diary. We will be monitoring this daily at school; your support will be very much appreciated. Please could you sign at the end of each week to show you have seen this diary. I will be signing diaries every Friday and recording in them throughout the week.
- ❖ Full school uniform is to be worn every day. Please ensure suitable length skirts for girls, ideally to the knee. As Health and Safety is so prominent these days, we ask that all jewellery is kept at home with the exception of stud earrings which must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. It would be preferred that children with long hair wear it tied back. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Now the weather is becoming unpredictable please ensure your child has a raincoat in school.
- ❖ PE lessons are on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Children can come into school wearing PE kit on both days.

Kit List:

- Plain yellow or white t-shirt and plain dark shorts.
- A jumper that is used only for PE.
- Trainers or plimsolls

(A dark tracksuit may be worn over shorts in the colder months)

- ❖ Homework will be given out every Thursday and will be collected in on the following Tuesday. Do let me know if there are any problems regarding the homework, preferably before the day the homework is due in.
- ❖ Spellings will be given out on a Thursday to be tested the following Tuesday.
- ❖ Times tables will be given out on a Thursday to be tested the following Tuesday.
- ❖ Outdoor Learning will occur differently this year. We will notify you in advance when we are planning an outdoor learning session
- ❖ If your child will be walking home from school by themselves at 3:30pm please let us know in writing (either by email or letter). If you have already given your permission child permission for the Autumn Term this will continue for the Spring Term.
- ❖ We can only administer prescribed medication to your child. The medicine must have an accompanying medicine slip from the office and the medicine will remain in the office when not required.
- ❖ Year 6 will be sitting SATs during the week Tuesday 9th May 2023 (Monday 8th May 2023 is now a bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III). Please ensure any appointments for your child are made at an alternative time.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to speak to me.
Many thanks for your support.

Miss Drewett