

# Welcome to Year 6

## Dear Parents/Guardians

*We expect for many of you it is hard to believe that this is the final year of your child's primary education. Although it is a very different start, we are excited to have your children back in school and to be able to teach them this year before starting their secondary journey. It will be a busy year! However, we want to reassure you that not only will we prepare your children for the challenges of Year 6, but that the whole child is valued, and we shall be continuing to encourage each one to flourish in their strengths and passions. Below are some important events and aspects of Year 6 life that will help towards making this a successful and memorable year.*

### Year 6 Secondary Transfer

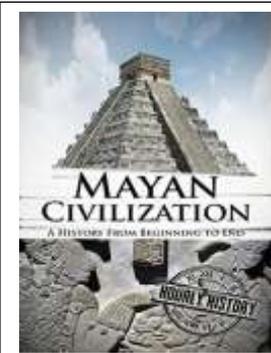
Forms and information regarding secondary transfer will be sent to you in the first part of the Autumn term.

These forms enable you to give your preferences of where you would like your child to attend in Year 7. There will be specific dates when these must be submitted by.

Please, once these forms are sent with accompanying information, if you need any help or support in completing them, do not hesitate in making contact with the school.

### Grammar School Test

The new date for this is **Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> 2020**



### Curriculum

We shall be bringing everything the children have learned whilst extending their knowledge further. Our first stop during the Autumn Term is Trading Places. The children will be learning all about Mayans, exploring North and South America and Fairtrade.

The Spring Term is called Grand Designs where we shall study the Ancient Greeks.

Finally, the Summer Term we shall look at Transitions – an important time especially for Year 6.

**HOMEWORK** - In Year 6, children will continue to complete PAWS in the usual way. The expectation is still to finish their PAWS activities (eight of them) to a high standard. Every Tuesday, children are required to bring this into school where we can monitor progress. If children do not bring in their PAWS, they have a 24 hour extension.

In preparation for secondary school, children will be required to complete Big Write homework which will involve planning for the writing day. We will also introduce some maths homework where children can practise aspects of their work particularly in arithmetic skills.

**P.E. KIT** - Year 6 P.E. day will be on a Friday afternoon. The children will be required for the foreseeable future to wear their kit to school on this day. Mrs Tegg has outlined what can be worn to school for PE which is also appropriate for the rest of the school day.



Don't forget water bottles!

**Please Remember** - We know that many parents, as well as children, can feel nervous about moving up to their next class, especially Year 6. Obviously at this time it is difficult to meet with parents face to face - if you need to speak to us urgently, then please send an email to [admin@castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk) or call the office to make a telephone appointment.

*We are very excited to be working with your children and looking forward to seeing them grow into amazing young people who are well prepared for secondary school life.*

**Mrs King and Mrs Blunn**

**Year 6 Team**