



May 2018

Welcome back to your child's final term at Great Whelnetham. As you will be well aware we are still preparing for the Key Stage 2 SATs tests. Our topic this half term is 'Rites and Rituals', where the children will be looking at the mysterious world of the Mayans. The first three weeks of this term will primarily be taken up with revision in preparation for SATs.

The children will continue to be set a Maths task, an English task and weekly spellings. In addition to this, they will continue to be given a half-termly project, linked to the topic we are studying in class, to be completed for the last week of that half term. English homework will normally be set on Wednesdays (to be handed in by the following Monday) and a maths task on Fridays (to be handed in by the following Wednesday). Spellings will be given on Thursdays and tested on the following Thursday.

As Year 6s, the children are expected to read daily, either independently or with an adult (20mins is recommended). Reading from a range of genres is encouraged e.g. Home/school readers, library books, newspapers, poetry, encyclopaedias, biographies and stories. On a Wednesday lunchtime between 12.00 and 12.25 Year 6 children will be able to attend a homework club to discuss the week's homework and any problems they may have.

To enable a smoother transition to Upper School we have asked all pupils to record daily during the week in their home journal, what they have read. It is their responsibility to ensure that a parent checks and signs the journal. We may at times write comments regarding achievements or behaviour, which we want to bring to your attention.

The children will be having games with Andy on **Wednesday** afternoons and P.E. on **Thursdays**. It is a requirement that no earrings are worn and long hair is tied back.

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school on Monday morning that they will refill during the week. They will need wellies for when the weather turns inclement. As the weather is turning warmer please could the children bring a sunhat and sunscreen which they can apply themselves.

Finally, if you have any questions please feel free to pop in and see us before or after school.

Thank you for your support

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Thankfulness, Creativity, Forgiveness, Humility and Justice.