

7th June 2024

Dear Year 6 parents,

End of term arrangements for Year 6

It is hard to believe that we are fast approaching the end of the academic year and that our wonderful year 6 children will be leaving St Mary's, to start a new stage of their learning journey, at secondary school. They have been a fantastic year group and we will miss them very much.

To celebrate the end of the school year the Year 6 children will be participating in different events.

On **Tuesday 11th June**, Year 6 will attend their Leavers' Service at Gloucester Cathedral. This event is for Year 6 children and staff only. We will leave school at 9.15am returning at lunchtime.

We will perform our Year 6 play, The Greatest Show, over two weeks. Our first afternoon performance will be on Thursday 27th June at 1.30pm. The evening performance will be the following Wednesday, 3rd July at 6pm. Costume details have been sent out so please help your children to get theirs sorted as soon as possible.. The Y6 leavers' BBQ will follow this final performance. Please join us for rounders, a BBQ and drinks on the school field.

On **Wednesday 17th July** we will be hosting a morning of fun activities. These include having a water fight (which has become a bit of a tradition), a burger in a bun and ice cream/lollies. Your child will need to bring a swimming costume, towel and water pistol to school – as well as a bucket/container to refill for ammo! We will provide ice cream and burgers.

On **Monday 15th July** the Year 6 children will be visiting Bowood House and Gardens. The coach will leave school at 9.15 am and we will return to school before the end of the school day. **Children can wear their own clothes and leavers hoodie.** Please also make sure that your child has a **packed lunch, a drink and a coat. Clothing needs to be suitable for slides and climbing nets. They also need £2 if they would like to buy an ice cream.**

Finally, on the last day of term (**Friday 19th July**) year 6 pupils can wear a shirt to school that can be signed by their friends and members of staff. **Children will need a clean school shirt / t-shirt for their last worship later in the day.** They will also be given a **memory book** by the school so that they can collect comments and memories from their friends, teachers and staff of St Mary's. They may wish to bring in a selection of sharpie-type pens to use for this. In the afternoon, Mrs Woolley will host an end of year worship at 1.45pm, where year 6 will receive a Bible from St. Mary's Church and a medal from the Feoffees as a Leavers' gift. Parents of Y6 children are very welcome to join us for this last worship.

I hope that with the combination of all these events, the children will have a memorable send off from St. Mary's and an exciting and enjoyable end to the Summer Term.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Godfrey and Mrs Danton